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EVIDENCE AGAINST ARCHBALD CLOSED

House Managers Conclude Testimony on Which They Hope to Convict

SEVERAL WITNESSES HEARD

Attorneys Tell of Defraying Expenses of European Trip—Money Placed in Envelope and Marked "Sailing Orders."

Washington, Dec. 14.—The testimony on which the House managers ask the Senate to convict Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the Commerce Court, of misbehavior and misdemeanors in office was concluded today. On Monday attorneys for the accused judge will begin the presentation of the witnesses for the defense.

Today's witnesses included C. Krue Munson, of Williamsport, Pa.; Samuel H. Swingle, of the Premier Coal Company, of Scranton; Frederick W. Jones, of the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company; C. H. Von Storch, a Scranton lawyer; W. W. Risinger, a coal man of Scranton; W. M. Smith, bank cashier of Scranton; J. R. Wilson, secretary of the Scranton Honduras Mining Company; Edward R. Searle, clerk of the Circuit Court in Middle, Pa.; and C. F. Farrell, of New York.

Most of the witnesses testified in regard to Judge Archbald's alleged activity in regard to the culm dump leases and the discounting of notes bearing his name.

Munson and Searle were examined in regard to the raising of $500 as a purse toward defraying Judge Archbald's expenses on a trip in Europe in 1910.

Mr. Munson said that he was asked to subscribe to the purse, but that he declined because of his high regard for the judge and his desire not to embarrass him.

"I would like to say," added Mr. Munson, "that I always found Judge Archbald absolutely fair and impartial, and that I never tried a case before a more honorable and upright judge than he."

Mr. Searle declared that since testifying before the House Judiciary Committee he had refreshed his memory in regard to the purse. He said the plan to present it originated in talk about giving the judge a dinner before leaving for Europe. It developed that only eight or nine could attend the dinner and so those who had planned the affair agreed to give the judge the money raised. They feared that the judge would refuse it and so put the money in an envelope marked "sailing orders—do not open until two days out."

Mr. Searle said some lawyers complained because they were not asked to contribute.

Mr. Searle said that Judge Archbald came to him upon receiving a letter from the judge's wife's cousin, Henry W. Canon, inviting him to be his guest on the European trip. The witness explained that Judge Archbald hesitated to accept because those he owed might feel that he should have used the money it would cost for the trip in paying his debts.

Mr. Searle was pressed as to the judge's debts. He insisted there were debts, but that the judge's credit was good.

"Judge Archbald has been held and is now held in the highest respect by the people of Scranton," said the witness.

COMPLIMENTARY TO VICK

Prominent Democrats to Honor Faithful Assistant Secretary

New York, December 13.—A complimentary dinner will be tendered to Hon. Walker W. Vick, assistant secretary of the Democratic National Committee, on Monday evening, December 16th, at the Hotel Imperial.

Prominent Democrats from every section of the country have signified their intention of being present at this dinner and the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Hon. Wm. F. McCombs, will be one of the speakers of the evening.

The committee in charge of the dinner have also made arrangements with some of the best vocal and instrumental artists to entertain the guests.

A loving cup will be presented to Mr. Vick in recognition of his splendid work during the Presidential campaign.

The dinner committee consists of Col. Fred Feigl, Joseph R. Truesdale and John L. de Saulles.

REPEAL "DISABILITY" STATUTES

Senate Endorses This Action in Amendment to Claims Bill.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Repeal of the last of the Civil War "disability" statutes was endorsed by the Senate today when an amendment offered by Senator Johnston, of Alabama, to the Omnibus Claims bill, was adopted, repealing the section of the revised statutes which prohibits the auditing of the claims of regular army officers who resigned to enter the Confederate army.

There are about 150 of such claims which are generally for longevity pay. Among those represented are the heirs of Gens. Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Joseph E. Johnston, Fitzhugh Lee and Joseph B. Wheeler.

POLITICS DECLINING HE SAYS

Dr. Butler Declares the Presence of Bryan and Roosevelt Has Caused Principles to Give Way to Personalities.

Library of Congress

Chicago, December 14.—"Principles in politics in the United States have given way in a great measure to personalities during the last 20 years, owing to the presence of William J. Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt in the political arena," Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, told members of the Chicago Commercial Club tonight in discussing the subject, "What Is Progress In Politics?"

"The effect of this limitation on our political life has not been happy," he declared. "Passionate feeling has been aroused at a time when cool reason was most necessary, and blind personal advocacy or blind personal antagonism has taken the place of statesmanlike examination of principles and of the policies."

The speaker took a strong stand against stretching the constitution, declaring that the right of amendment had been given the people for the purpose of changing the instrument when they deemed it necessary. He also expressed his disapproval of the recall of judges and judicial decisions. Touching on the relation of the individual to the State he referred to the use of individual freedom and power of initiative to help build and maintain the institutions of the whole community.

These steps, he said, might well be taken in the interest of progress in this country.

"A more flexible method of amending the constitution; a more satisfactory way of nominating public officers; improvement in legislative methods and procedure; giving members of the cabinet seats on the floors of both houses of Congress, with the right to participate in debates concerning their departments; beginning the regular session of Congress at a time much nearer the election of its members than now; the extension of the principle of short ballot."

The two-party system he approved, saying no advantage could be gained by multiplying political parties or groups.

MADERO CONGRESS ENDS

Three Months' Session Concludes With Little Business Transacted

Mexico City, December 14.—With a record of few more than a dozen measures enacted and about 180 still pending, the first Congress elected under the Madero administration, which was asked to carry out many revolutionary promises, closed its three months' session tonight.

The more important bills passed include authorization for 20 million pesos ($10,000,000) loan, as yet unfloated, and authorization for a 40 million pesos bond issue. The budget also was approved, providing for an increase of 13 million pesos.

The 40 million pesos bond issue is for the purpose of railroad subsidies and other public works, and for the payment of indemnities in connection with the revolution of 1910.

Congress also made a number of appropriations on the account of war expenses. One of the deputies declared in the chamber that, including eight million pesos voted to the Diaz administration, which was still in the treasury when the Madero administration came into power, the present executive had asked for 117,506,000 pesos, which sum, with the exception of eight million pesos, was on account of war.

One of the early measures enacted provided for an increase in the salaries of the deputies to double the amount they now receive.

The salaries of Supreme Court judges also were increased by ten pesos a day. A special taxation bill affecting textile mills was adopted, while the other measures related to pensions and contracts.

THREE KILLED; EIGHT HURT

Atlantic City Flyer Hits Auto Stage At Grade Crossing

Perth Amboy, N. J., December 14.—Three persons were killed and eight injured, several probably mortally, when an express train known as the Atlantic City Flyer, on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, ran into an automobile stage at a grade crossing between Roosevelt and this city today.

The automobile, a closed machine resembling a trolley car, contained 13 persons. There is no gate at the crossing. The train, running at an estimated speed of 60 miles an hour, hurled the stage and its occupants a distance of 60 feet. The dead: Mary Thornton, 11 years old; Daniel Thornton, Jr., 8 years, children of Daniel Thornton, of Chrome, N. J.; an unidentified woman.

The children were killed instantly. Their bodies were found in the wreckage. The woman died soon after the accident.

AUTO HIT BY TRAIN

Miss Carolyn DuBose Fatally Injured —Father Badly Hurt

Atlanta, Ga., December 14.—Miss Carolyn DuBose, of Spring Hill, Tenn., was fatally injured and her father, W. T. DuBose, department editor of the Atlanta Constitution, badly hurt when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Louisville & Nashville freight train near Cartersville, Ga., late today. They were enroute to the Tennessee town when the accident occurred. A sharp curve, it is said, prevented the engineer of the train from seeing the automobile.

HOUSE DELUGED BY ORATORICAL FLOOD

Field Day of Speech-Making on the Dillingham Immigration Bill

MEASURE IS STILL PENDING

Adjournment Taken Before Any Agreement for Vote Could be Reached. Opponents Complain of Gag Rule Methods.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A deluge of impassioned oratory swept the House for four hours today during general debate on the Dillingham-Burnett bill, fixing a literary test for immigrants to the United States. The measure was brought up in the House after a fight on a special rule brought in from the Committee on Rules, which was adopted on a roll call vote by an overwhelming majority, despite complaints of "gag rule" from the opponents of the bill. After four hours of discussion, the House adjourned with the bill still pending. It will be taken up next week.

The field day of speech making was opened by Representative Burnett, of Alabama, in charge of the bill. He attacked the class of immigrants now coming to this country and declared that the literary test was demanded by labor organizations and farmers' "organizations" because they don't want the spittoons of Europe admitted into this country."

Mr. Burnett argued that the influx of European immigrants cheapened American labor.

Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, in charge of the opposition to the bill, said that the bill would not accomplish the object for which it was framed. "You shut the doors to the uneducated, because their poverty has held them back and at the same time you say to the black hand, the scamp and the fellow who reads inflammatory and deadly literature, 'come in, we need you'."

Representative Curley, of Massachusetts, opposing the bill, called on the shades of Dante, patriarch; Michael Angelo and half a hundred other ancients of fame with tongue twisting names to witness the intellectual qualities of the native of Southern Europe. Discussing the criminal tendencies of immigration he added:

"I can see no difference between the much cited black hand outrages of the North and the lynching bees of the South."

Representative Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, who had spoken supporting the bill, endeavored to interrupt Representative Curley.

"I would yield to the gentleman," said Mr. Curley, with some asperity, "if I thought it would add to the sum total of human knowledge, but I do not."

"Uncle Joe" Cannon made a speech opposing the bill and was answered by Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, once a devoted supporter of the former Speaker, who pointed out that the issue had temporarily destroyed party lines.

An attempt was made to secure an agreement to vote on the bill at a night session tonight, but a threatened filibuster forced adjournment until Monday.

ENGAGE IN PISTOL DUEL

Virginia Marshal Badly Wounded and Well-known Farmer Killed

Hawthorne, Va., December 14.—City Marshal Jack Guthrie was badly wounded and Charles Keen, a well-known farmer, was killed in a pistol duel between the two men here late today. The marshal attempted to serve a warrant on the farmer charging the latter with carrying concealed weapons. Keen fired five shots at Guthrie, wounding him in the abdomen and both arms. The marshal returned the fire, killing Keen instantly.

Senate

Agreed to meet at 11 A. M. Monday, to consider Sheppard-Kenyon (Dry State) bill.

Resumed consideration of the Omnibus bill.

House managers closed their case in trial of Judge Archbald before court of impeachment.

Agriculture Committee ordered favorable report on Lever Agricultural Education Extension bill.

Senator Smoot entered motion to provide president pro tem. by having Senators Bacon and Gallinger alternate, but action was postponed.

House

Considered date for taking up the Burnett Immigration bill proposing an illiteracy test.

Representative Mott proposed amendments to the newspaper publicity law virtually repealing it.

Began consideration of Burnett Immigration bill.

Representative Suizer presented his resignation as a member, effective December 31st.

"REIGN OF TERROR" PROBED

Labor Disputes at Cleveland, Ohio, Inquired Into at "Dynamite Conspiracy" Trial—Local Authorities Upbraided

Indianapolis, December 14.—Riots and assaults in labor disputes in Cleveland, Ohio, out of which, the government charges, grew explosions against employers of non-union men, were inquired into at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today.

In the hearing the testimony of Peter J. Smith, former president and business agent of a local Iron Workers' Union in Cleveland, Federal Judge Albert A. Anderson, who is hearing the trial of the 41 union officials, said in reference to local assaults in labor disputes that had the local authorities "done their duty there wouldn't have been any need of a trial here."

District Attorney Charles W. Miller had stated that there were 15 explosions in and near Cleveland and that these explosions for which no one had been prosecuted, were the basis of the present prosecution by the government for illegal transportation of explosives. The district attorney said a "reign of terror" had existed in Cleveland "second only to that at Los Angeles." Smith denied he had caused any explosions, but he admitted he was implicated in assaults "when called upon to defend himself."

As typical of the assaults, the government stated that one non-union workman had had his teeth knocked out by another man's heel.

"With fights going on there in Cleveland week after week and no one arrested for causing explosions, I would like to ask what kind of government have you in Cleveland?" asked Mr. Miller.

"We have as good a government as anywhere in the country," replied Smith.

"But they never prosecute any one, do they?"

"Yes, some."

Smith was charged with complicity in causing explosions at North Randall and Akron, Ohio, near Cleveland.

"Sixteen witnesses have appeared against you," said Mr. Miller. "Among them were two little girls who said they saw you and George Anderson carrying a box near North Randall the night of the explosion. Do you say all these witnesses did not tell the truth?"

"Some of them told the truth, but I didn't know anything about the explosion until the next day."

Another witness testified Smith was at the union hall on the night of the explosion at Akron.

Smith admitted when he returned to Cleveland for a visit a month after the trial began, he gave a newspaper interview in which he said in reference to the defendants: "You never would think they were there on serious business. To see them you would think they were there attending a ball game."

PRETTY NURSE SUICIDES

Anna Powers, of New York, Takes Own Life at Jacksonville

Jacksonville, Fla., December 14.—Miss Anna Powers, a pretty trained nurse of New York, committed suicide in a local hotel here last night. The body was found today when employes of the hotel forced an entrance into the room she occupied. All clues to her name had been destroyed, but the body today was identified by officials of a local hospital. No cause for the act is known.

Washington, December 14.—The House "money trust" investigating committee was not in session today. Hearings will be resumed Monday.

OUTLINES

Fogler and Rutt, the German-American team, won the six-day bicycle race last night.

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The first Mexican Congress under the Madero administration closed its three months' session yesterday with a record of little business transacted.

Senators are puzzled over the question whether a majority or a two-thirds vote of the Senate will be necessary to refer the Panama canal dispute to The Hague tribunal.

The Balkan allies have agreed on a programme at the peace conference and are in complete accord. The principal demands they will make will be the surrender of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, in an address yesterday, declared that owing to the presence of Bryan and Roosevelt in the political arena, political principles have been supplanted by personalities.

The government yesterday filed an anti-trust suit against the Elgin Board of Trade, the so-called "Butter Trust," alleging the organization formed a conspiracy to arbitrarily fix the price of butter.

The House was deluged yesterday by a flood of oratory when the Dillingham-Burnett immigration bill came up for consideration. After charges of gag rule adjournment was taken before an agreement to reach a vote was reached.

New York markets: Money on call nominal. Spot cotton closed steady. Flour quiet. Wheat steady; No. 2 red 1.07 to 1.08. Corn steady, 54 1-2 Turpentine firm. Rosin quiet.

GOVERNMENT SUES THE BUTTER TRUST

Civil Anti-Trust Action Is Filed Against the Elgin Board of Trade

CONSPIRACY TO FIX PRICES

Petition Alleges Quotations Are Made In the Interest of Large Manufacturers and Cold Storage Concerns—System

Chicago, December 14.—The Elgin Board of Trade, popularly known as the "Butter Trust" and the American Association Creamery Butter Manufacturers, were attacked by the Federal government in a civil anti-trust suit, filed here today for the dissolution of both concerns.

Sweeping charges of a conspiracy to fix arbitrarily the price of butter in the interest of big manufacturers and cold storage concerns and to the detriment of the farmer, other small producers and the consuming public are made by Attorney-General Wickersham against the so-called trust, which he would destroy as a violation of the Sherman law. Butter-making has drifted to the large manufacturers; the natural increase in volume in business has been curtailed and prices to the people of the country have been enhanced, especially during the Winter season, by the operations of the "conspirators," according to the government's petition in equity.

Aside from the dissolution of the two organizations the government seeks to enjoin the defendants from appointing a price-fixing committee; from fixing prices; from quoting or publishing figures purporting to be "market prices" unless they are based upon bona fide sales of butter; from demanding that the Elgin quotation be used as a basis in making contracts for butter and from making fictitious or "wash sales" of butter to mislead as to the actual price at which butter is being sold.

The price of butter fixed on the Elgin exchange, the government maintains, is not the result of free and open competition regulated by actual bona fide sales under the law of supply and demand. The price-fixing committee of the board is dominated and controlled, it is alleged, by large butter manufacturers known as "centralizers and by cold storage concerns. "This committee," the petition adds, "has acted arbitrarily and without any regard to actual value, and fixed prices wholly in the interest of the conspirators."

From May to August, when the bulk of the country's supply is made, the petition says, large centralizing concerns are buyers, rather than sellers of butter, buying up the surplus product and storing it for Winter when the price is enhanced. Consequently it is declared the prices of butter fixed by the board during the Summer months have been almost invariably below the price at which the product actually has sold upon the market, while during the Winter months, the prices fixed have been somewhat above market and private sales.

It is charged that the American Association Creamery Butter Manufacturers, composed of about 46 firms and individuals, is used by the "conspirators" to maintain these seasonable differences in prices without regard to trade conditions or competition. All members of the association are required, it is alleged, to use the price thus established as the basis of their contracts at purchase or sale of butter.

The system by which the price of butter is fixed is not generally known to the widely-scattered producers, according to the petition, but on the contrary, "the price is published throughout the United States in newspapers and otherwise without accompanying statements of how the price is determined and readers of quotations thus published, and particularly farmers and other small producers of butter and sellers of butter fat, are led to believe that the price quotations are prices established by actual bona fide sales and purchases of butter in open competition upon the Elgin Board of Trade."

The alleged combination and conspiracy is said to have been formed "some five years ago."

AVIATOR KEARNEY LOST.

Began Flight to San Francisco in Hydro-Aeroplane—Had Passenger.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 14.—Aviator Horace Kearney, who left Newport Beach at 12:40 o'clock today to fly to San Francisco in a hydro-aeroplane, with Chester Lawrence, a newspaper man as passenger, became lost within less than an hour after his departure. A fleet of motor boats, the only craft available, was started out tonight from Redondo beach, Santa Monica and San Pedro to find them. Kearney was last seen as he passed Point Firmin, the northern headland of Los Angeles harbor at 1:15 o'clock. At the speed he was flying he should have reached Neventure where he was scheduled to stop for gasoline about 3 o'clock. Radiographs flashed to vessels along the coast have failed to bring any trace of the aviator and tonight the belief prevailed that Kearney and Lawrence have met with disaster.

JAMES BRYCE IS HONORED

British Ambassador is Presented Gold Medal by Pennsylvania Society at Constitution Anniversary Dinner.

New York, Dec. 14.—In commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the framing of the constitution of the United States, the Pennsylvania Society held its 14th annual dinner here tonight, with James Bryce, the retiring British ambassador, as the guest of honor.

Attorney General George W. Wickersham was toastmaster and delivered an address, as did the ambassador. Other speakers were United States Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, and Job E. Hedges. A message of congratulation of the society from President Taft was enclosed in each copy of the souvenir of the evening, a handsomely bound copy of the constitution of the United States.

A feature of the dinner was the presentation of a gold medal to Mr. Bryce. This medal was founded several years ago by a group of members for the purpose of providing special distinction to any person whom the society particularly wished to honor.

Its presentation to Ambassador Bryce marks the first time it has been given to anyone not a citizen of the United States.

Senator Borah, in his speech on "The United States," strongly defended the constitution, but warned his hearers there were troubles brewing for our present form of government.

On the eve of his retirement from the post of British ambassador at Washington, which he has occupied with distinction for six years, James Bryce tonight paid an extraordinary tribute to the constitution of the United States.

The ambassador said in part:

"The constitution was the work of an extraordinary group of men, such as has seldom been seen living at the same time in any country, and such as had never been brought together in any other country to undertake the immensely difficult task of framing a Federal instrument of government for a Nation. The Nation was then a small one, and it is one of the most striking tributes to the genius and foresight of the men that that frame of government which they designated for three million people should have proved fitting to serve the needs of 93,000,000.

"The whole of your history since 1789 is a record of the services which the constitution has rendered to you.

"Both the Federal constitution itself and all those State constitutions which have been enacted upon similar lines have had the effect of steadying the machinery of government, of slowing down sudden impulses, of securing respect for the rights of every man and every section of the people.

"Every government in which popular sovereignty is recognized needs to be in some way or other steadied.

"With you, where class counts for so much less than it does in Europe, and where traditions have not had so much power, there have been many moments when things would have gone badly had it not been for the respect you all have formed for the constitution."

George W. Wickersham, attorney general of the United States, in discussing the theory of constitutional government as applied to this country from the beginning to the present time, entreated reformers to consider carefully the causes of their discontent and to ascertain "whether the evils may not be cured without the destruction of cherished institutions."

DE LUXE BOOK SWINDLERS.

Boston Publisher and a Book Agent Placed Under Arrest.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Herbert S. Virtue, head of Virtue & Company, book publishers, and John B. Williams, a book agent, were placed under arrest here today on a secret indictment in connection with the so-called "De-Luxe" book investigation by the grand jury. Both men are accused of being principals in the alleged swindle of Mrs. L. Rogers, of Beason street, who is said to have paid $87,075 for alleged "DeLuxe" editions on November 29th, last. Virtue, who is 53 years old, is charged with conspiracy to steal in three counts and with obtaining by false representatives Mrs. Rogers' signature to a written instrument. The police say that the man sold Mrs. Rogers supposedly rare editions, for which it is claimed she would later receive $150,000 when the books were resold for her to a Chinese mandarin.

Williams surrendered voluntarily. Both men were released in $5,000 bail each.

The arrest today make the third in the case of Boston, Romeo W. Nathan, of Beachmont, having been taken into custody several days ago.

GRIDIRON CLUB ELECTION

Rudolph Kauffmann Chosen President ---Other Officers Named

Washington, December 14.—At the annual election of the Gridiron Club today the following officers were chosen:

Rudolph Kauffmann, Washington Star, president; Ernest G. Walker, Boston Herald, vice president; John S. Shriver, Baltimore Star, secretary; Louis W. Strayer, Pittsburg Dispatch, treasurer; Arthur J. Dodge, Minneapolis Tribune; George E. Miller, Detroit News, and Edgar G. Synder, Omaha Bee and Toronto World, executive committee.

John E. Monk, correspondent of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, was elected to membership.

Slumber Socks.

for cold feet at Peterson & Rulfs.
(Advertisement.)

BALKAN STATES IN COMPLETE ACCORD

Establish United Programme to Follow at the Peace Conference

TERMS THEY WILL PROPOSE

Main Conditions Include Surrender of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina. Trust in Sympathy of American People.

London, Dec. 14.—On the eve of the peace conference the Associated Press has gathered from the representatives of the Balkan Kingdoms and the foremost Turkish delegate an authoritative declaration of the terms which the victorious kingdoms propose to enforce and the Ottoman views thereon.

Like experienced diplomats, all the Balkan delegates, in speaking officially, adhere to the watchword adopted in the first and probably the last plenary meeting before entering the conference, that they are "in complete accord and have established a perfectly united programme to follow."

When they speak with friends not for quotation, their faces light up with their enthusiasm and their faith is admirable.

"Tell the Americans," they say, "that we trust in their sympathy and moral support as we are fighting desperately and shedding our best blood for the same cause which rendered the name of Washington glorious and venerated. We are risking all we possess for our liberty and independence."

"Tell them," added M. Nesnitch, the Servia minister at Paris, who is a polyglot and a learned professor, "that some of the sons of Balkans who became American citizens are in the ranks at the front giving proofs of valor and bravery, of which Uncle Sam should be as proud as we are."

The determination of the Balkan States not to allow an Ottoman policy of procrastination is significant on account of the form which it has manifested. "The Turks are much mistaken," said one of the chief delegates, "if they entertain such an idea. Peace will practically be concluded between Christmas and New Years around the diplomatic table in St. James' Palace, or we will impose it at Constatinople at Easter under the range of our cannon and at the point of our bayonets. But then conditions will be very different. Now we are satisfied with the minimum demands; then we will exact the maximum."

The main conditions of the allies include the immediate surrender of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina, the garrisons of which will be granted full military honors, the evacuation of Eastern Europe by Turkey as far as East Tchatalja, to a line which experts appointed by the contracting parties will delimit on the spot; the cession to Greece of all the Aegean islands, including Rhodes and 11 others, which Italy is keeping as a pledge for Turkish fulfillment of the treaty of Lausanne; the annexation of Crete to Greece and the payment of a war indemnity and expenses sustained.

In return the allies will grant complete amnesty to the Mussulman population in the territories they annex, for any acts of hostilities during the war; the return of all prisoners; the recognition of the spiritual sovereignty of the Sultan over Ottomans becoming subjects of the Balkan States and the free administration by the Mussulmans of their pious funds in the Balkans.

The Servian ex-Premier Stojan Novakovitch, head of the Servian plenipotentiaries, informed the Associated Press that he was satisfied an agreement would be reached on the question of an Adriatic port, on which Servia and Austria are at swords points.

MISSISSIPPI SUSPENDED.

Ousted from S. I. A. A. for Refusal to Play Thanksgiving Game.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—The University of Mississippi was today indefinitely suspended from the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association by delegates in convention here representing the leading educational institutions in the South. Suspension was the result of Mississippi's refusal to play the scheduled annual Thanksgiving Day football game with the Mississippi A. & M. because Fletcher, of the former university, had been declared ineligible under the S. I. A. A. rules.

Resolutions were adopted by the association declaring Player Fletcher, the coach, captain and manager of the Mississippi University football team disqualified from any connection with athletics in the S. I. A. A.

At the banquet tonight officers of the association were re-elected as follows: William L. Dudley, Vanderbilt, president; W. M. Riggs, Clemson, first vice president; John Morris, University of Georgia, vice president second district; B. M. Walker, Mississippi A. & M., vice president third district; Brown E. Ayres, Tennessee, vice president fourth district; Edward T. Holmes, of Gordon Institute, secretary-treasurer.

Slumber Socks.

Felt and leather slippers at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.)

FOGLER AND RUTT WIN RACE

German American Team Victorious in Six-Day Bike Grind—Some Sensational Sprints Conclude the Contest.

New York, Dec. 14.—Fogler and Rutt, the German-American team, won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden ending tonight. Walter Rutt took the honors for his team in the mile sprint, which decided the race. The Bedell-Mitten team, represented in the sprint by Bedell, was second, and the Clarke Hill team, with Jakie Clarke doing the riding, finished third.

The Root-Hix team, the Debach-Collins team and the Grenada-Pye team finished fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. Root, Drobach and Grenada rode for their teams in the sprint. The time for the mile was 2:09 4 5.

The sprint was necessary to decide the tie between these six teams, which, when the time for the end of riding approached, were bunched in the lead. The track was cleared at 9:57 and the final scene of the race staged.

Immediately afterward a second sprint was started between the Kramer-Moran and Perchicot-Egg teams, which were tied a lap behind the leaders when the long grind ended.

Frank Kramer won this sprint, which gave his team seventh place and the Egg-Perchicot team was relegated to eighth position. The time was 3:45 1-5. Perchicot rode for his team in the sprint.

These teams all finished within the money, the prizes ranging from $1,600 for first and $1,000 for second, down to $250 each for winners of seventh and eighth. Walker and Wells brought up the rear of the nine teams which completed the long race.

The six leaders had gone 2,661 miles and five laps, with the trailing pair a lap behind and Walker and Wells an additional lap in the rear.

The record for a six-day race is 2,737 miles and one lap made by McFarland and Moran in 1908.

At 8 o'clock the retirement of the Brocco-Berthet team from the race was officially announced. This left nine teams still in the running, with their standing at 8 o'clock as follows:

Grenda-Pye, Root-Heir, Clark-Hill, Rutt-Fogler, Bedell-Mitten, Drobach-Collins, 2,621 miles, 8 laps; Kramer-Moran, Egg-Perchicot, 2,621 miles 7 laps; Wells-Walker, 2,621 miles 6 laps.

The record for the hour is 2,698 miles, six laps. The riders had been consistently loafing, resting up for the final mile sprint at 10 o'clock.

New York, Dec. 14.—The statement of actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $8,074,650 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $5,059,450 from last week.

..Theatrical..

"The Climax" was presented to two fair sized audiences at the Academy of Music yesterday, matinee and night. This was the third time this wonderful play has been presented in this city. "The Climax" is billed as "The Pearl of Dramatic Purity," and the play lives up to these lines. With a cast of four people, each one a master in his or her particular part, the play as presented at the Academy yesterday will be well received by every audience that sees it.

The Academy will be dark all this week, but it will only be the calm before the merry storm. It will also be of much interest to theatre-goers to know that the Yuletide season this time will contrain two real attractions—two superb ones, the best oh the road. This will give a chance for general rejoicing.

Next week the Academy will offer the Four Pickerts, who will appear for all week at popular prices, but the following week, which will be the most festive of the Christmas season, "The Prince of Pilsen" will be presented on Monday night, December 30th, while for New Year's the big musical show, "School Days," will be offered, at matinee and night. These two attractions will be hailed with special delight by collegians, home for the Yuletide, and by visitors.

A Notable Event.

The coming of the popular Pixley & Luders' musical comedy, "The Prince of Pilsen," to the Academy, will be a theatrical event of exceptional interest and will again reveal one of the most popular and successful of musical entertainments. Despite the fact that it is now in its eighth year in this country, its drawing powers show no sign of waning, and return engagements are constantly solicited. In sending it upon the present tour, Manager Henry W. Savage has provided a corps of principals which is expected to give the best performance the play has ever had. Jess Dandy, who has placed the impress of his unique personality as a comedian upon the role of Hans Wagner, the German adlerman from "over the Rhine, in Zinzinnati," has been re-engaged. Lottie Kendall, who has played prominent roles both here and in England, will be seen as the flirtatious widow. Norma Browne, is admittedly one of the best French dialect soubrettes on the American stage, has the role of Sidonie. Edna Wallack, a petite comedienne, will be seen in the part of Nellie Wagner. Dorothy Delmore has the role of "Buttons," and Vera Faust, the most stunning of show girls, leads the list of beauties in the "Song of the Cities." The male contingent includes Arthur Hull, Fred Lyon, Campbell Duncan, Bobby Woolsey and others. The choruses have been carefully chosen and provide a rare combination of voice quality and personal charm. The costumes are wholly new this season, and every detail of equipment has the degree of perfection for which the Henry W. Savage work rooms are noted.

The special orchestra accompanying "The Prince of Pilsen" will be under the direction of Emil Bierman.

Anderson at The Bijou

Headed by one of the greatest film sensations of the times, a film in which the noted and popular actor, Mr. G. M. Anderson, appears, The Bijou will tomorrow inaugurate a big holiday week with a big holiday bill. Tomorrow's bill is one of the snappiest and merriest, and yet at the same time one of the most thrilling, from a dramatic standpoint, ever presented in Wilmington. Besides a big and bright bill they are always certain of finding solid comfort, no matter the disagreeable nature of the weather.

MR. G. M. ANDERSON

The film in which Actor Anderson will star is "Broncho Bill's Mexican Wife," and it sets forth, in thrilling manner, a story of love, hatred and revenge. It is the king of all dramatics.

"The Miracle" is a startling Vitagraph film in which the scenes are laid in the Orient and a story entirely new to moving picturedom. And in the fun line, the best thing Pathe has ever done, "The Tenacious Lover," heads the list. It is a merry jumble from first to last, telling how a shrewd, daring fellow wins the girl of his choice by outwitting her father.

New Year's Attraction

"School Days" is one of those merry musical plays which are written to please the young and old. The story told is of a little Russian boy, Issy Levy, a new arrival in America, who earns a living by playing his violin on the streets of New York, and it is through his care and attention that keeps Nonnie, who has been brought up to steal, from the reformatory and finds her lost parents. During the action of the piece we are introduced to Biff Dugan, a descendant of John L. Sullivan; Tommy Tatters, who would rather eat than study; the Dutch boy, Karl, and the boy who was brought up on literary diet, Johnny Boston Beans. They will help you feel as if you were a kid again and you wish you could join in the fun and frolic that "School Days" affords.

New Week at The Grand Theatre

The new week at the Grand Theatre will be a notable one, coming as it does just before the merry yuletide and when the management will make an especial effort to please the Christmas throngs. The first of the series of these extraordinary bills will be offered tomorrow when Mr. Leonard Chick, the soloist will sing, "I'll be Back in the Sweet Bye and Bye." This is a beautiful march ballad and will be certain to please the throngs at The Grand.

The pictures will be featured by a great Edison comic, "No Place For a Minister's Son." It is a college story and of how the minister's son was "caught in the act," so to speak, by the old folks from home who have dropped in quite unexpectedly. It is a rattling good comedy and one that will keep the house in an uproar of laughter. Collegians at home for the holidays will especially appreciate this picture.

Then there is a strong drama, "Fate's Decree," by Pathe. It borders on the sensational but there is a strong moral and it will be found gripping with human interest and full of sensations from start to finish. This will be only two of the big pictures at The Grand tomorrow and everybody is given the tip to get on to the extra offerings being made thecoming week.

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIC CO.

Third Attraction In Brotherhood Lyceum Course of St. Andrew's

The third entertainment in the Brotherhood Lyceum Course of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will be given in the Memorial Hall, Wednesday evening, December 18th, by the International Operatic Co., an organization composed of professional performers, each a musician of wide experience and reputation. Their programme will include vocal solos, duets, quartettes, piano solos and an operatic production in costume. These thoroughly trained artists are costumed in a rich, beautiful manner for their character songs and the selections from grand opera and popular operas at the same time have shown taste in recognizing the limitations of lyceum requirements.

Tekla Farm, late prima donna with Mme. Schumann-Heink, in "Love's Lottery," has gained distinction in opera, oratorio and concert work. As an associate of the great Schumann-Heink this artist proved her ability and established herself in the musical world.

Rose Heidenreich has attracted the attention of musical critics during several seasons of pronounced success. Her most recent triumph was with the National Grand Opera Company, which filled a long season at a prominent Chciago theatre.

Loro Gooch, tenor, has been prominently identified with important operatic productions in Chicago and elsewhere and has won exceptional success with each appearance. His voice is of the brilliant, robust quality and he sings with the ease and finish of the true artist. Few singers have won such instantaneous recognition, both in the singing and acting of important roles.

Burt McKinnie has a voice of beautiful natural quality. It is a true, rich baritone of stalwart proportions. There is in his art the blood of real feeling, a profound sentiment capable of warming the receptive faculties of every audience. He was a leading baritone for years in Savage's English Grand Opera Company and was a valued member of that splendid organization.

Margaret Day as an accompanist, is all that could be desired. She is sympathetic and artistic to a marked degree and gives to the singer just the support needed to secure the best results. As a soloist her work is of exceptional merit. She studied for many years with the best teachers of her home city, Denver, and with the famous Godowsky, of Berlin.

The personnel of this company is all that could be desired to assure the holders of season tickets and those interested in the best of music of a rare treat in the musical line. General admission, 75 cents. No seats reserved.

DECREASE IN SALARY LIMIT

And Shorter Season Recommended by President of Southern League

Birmingham, Ala., December 14.—Decrease in the salary limit and a shorter playing season were recommended today by President William Kavanaugh, in his address before the directors of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs in session here. All sessions of the directors were held behind closed doors and early tonight no announcement had been made of any action taken on the president's recommendation.

Birmingham today was officially awarded the 1912 pennant and President Kavanaugh presented that club with a silver loving cup for having had the largest paid attendance at the opening game of the 1912 season.

TENNIS RATINGS PUBLISHED.

Maurice E. McLoughlin, of San Francisco, Heads the List.

New York, Dec. 14.—Maurice E. McLoughlin, of San Francisco, heads the list of the "First 10" among the tennis players of the country, according to the report made public today by the ranking committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. With T. C. Bundy, of Los Angeles, McLoughlin also heads the list in the double class.

The rankings are based on the standing of the players for the season of 1912, and not on the judgment of the committee as to the relative merits of individual men. For ranking in the singles class, each player must have participated in at least three tournaments, and in the doubles class each pair must have taken part in two tournaments. At the request of the Pacific Coast Tennis Association none of the players of that division is ranked except those who played in Eastern tournaments this year.

Others in the "first ten" in numerical order are: R. Norris Williams, Wallace E. Johnson, Cynwyd, Pa.; William J. Clother, Winnewood, Pa.; Nathaniel W. Niles, Boston; Thomas C. Bundy, Los Angeles; Karl H. Behr, New York; Raymond D. Little, New York; George P. Gardner, Cambridge, Mass., and Gustav F. Touchard, New York.

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HOPES TO SIGN CHANCE.

Farrell Will Get Former Cub to Lead Yankees if Possible.

New York, Dec. 14.—President Farrell, of the New York American League club, intends to open negotiations with Frank Chance shortly after the holidays. In a statement made tonight, following his return from Chicago, Mr. Farrell indicated that he hoped to sign Chance and expressed gratification that the way seemed open for the former leader of the Chicago Nationals to take up the managerial reins here.

"While of course it is taken for granted that Chance's release will be turned over to the New York club," said Mr. Farrell in his statement, it is true that I have received no official notice of his release by President Herrmann, of the Cincinnati club. Until I have been notified that Chance is eligible to consider an offer from me I shall be compelled to remain inactive. Nothing will suit me better than to have him manage the Highlanders."

Los Angeles, Cal., December 14.—Frank Chance received a telegram today from President Frank H. Farrell, of the New York Americans, asking him to come to New York at once to talk over the managership of the Highlanders. Chance said he could not leave his orange ranch at Glendora for a time and wired to Farrel asking that more details be sent regarding his proposition and more time before starting East.

Chance said there was no mention of a $20,000 salary in Farrell's message and added that he would not go to New York unless a worth while wage were given him. Farrell's telegram today was the first official notice the "Peerless Leader" has had of the proposal to make him manager of the team.

REBATING CASES TUESDAY

Threatened Prosecution of Coal Co., And Railroad Will Come to Focus

Washington, December 14.—The government's threatened prosecution of the O'Gara Coal Company and officials of the New York Central lines, for alleged rebating, will come to a focus in Chicago not later than Tuesday. The case which has been under investigation by a Federal grand jury at Chicago is said to have developed evidence upon which the Department of Justice has been considering the drawing of additional indictments. It is said that the possibility of compromise by the imposition of large fines has been one of the settlements proposed.

United States Attorney Wilkerson returned to Chicago today after conferences with Attorney General Wickersham, prepared, it is understood, to bring the case to a crisis. With him, he is said to have taken a complete outline of the government's attitude toward the case.

It is alleged that the New York Central lines paid rebates aggregating $60,000 to the O'Gara Coal Company, a Chicago concern, in which certain relatives of the railroad officials are interested.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 14.—When the steering wheel broke, an automobile containing Rev. T. A. Adams, pastor of the Lovington, Ill., Methodist church, his wife and five children went down an embankment near here today, killing a son aged 13 and injuring the mother.

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HAPPENINGS IN LUMBERTON

Lumberton Getting Ready for Christmas—Death of Mrs. J. F. Parker. An Interesting Old Relic— Other News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 14.—With the approach of Christmas there seems to be much activity among the people in the way of purchasing goods suitable and appropriate to the season. We doubt if Lumberton has ever had a larger and more varied display of holiday goods than at this time.

Santa Claus seems to have headquarters all over town, and if anyone can't be suited in their search for Christmas goods they evidently don't want to be suited and have an excuse for failing to come across with Christmas presents. R. D. Caldwell & Son, Jno. P. McNeill, the Lumberton Drug Company, L. H. Caldwell, Crump & Floyd, McMillan's Drug Store, Boylin's Jewelry Store, White & Gough, McAllister Hardware Company, Parker's Jewelry Store and others have holiday good enough to supply the Sixth Congressional District.

During the week Robeson county has lost two of its best people when Col. E. F. MacRae, of Maxton, and Mrs. J. F. Parker, of McDonald's, passed away. For over 30 years Col. MacRae was one of our best friends, and we candidly do not believe there was a better man in every way in the county, and the same may be said of Mrs. Parker as to the good women of the county. They were the kind of people that make the world better for their having lived in any community.

Mr. T. C. Barnes, formerly deputy sheriff under Sheriff McNeill, has engaged in the brokerage business and we are glad to learn, is doing well, already. Mr. Barnes is a working man such as cannot be downed, and we predict for him great success in his new undertaking.

An old relic which is four generations old in our family has turned up, and after being idle for probably 100 years or thereabouts, is again in service. We are told that our great-great grandfather operated a grist mill on Jacob Swamp between here and Allenton, about 200 yards from where Mr. W. O. Warwick now operates a mill. At his death many years ago, long before our only living uncle, now 72 years, was born, his toll measure at the mill fell into other hands, and its existence was unknown until a few days ago when it was brought to town and presented to Mr. E. B. Freeman, of Freeman & Boon, who operate a mill in the northern part of town. The old mill on the swamp was later owned, we are told, by our grandfather, and later by Mr. Henry Warwick. During a severe rain the mill was washed away and went to pieces after floating down into the race, and what has for many years been known as the "old mill hole" may be seen a few feet above the Seaboard tracks about one and one-half miles west of Allenton. Mr. Warwick then rebuilt the mill, and it fell into the hands of his youngest son, Mr. W. Q. Warwick, who still owns it.

The Rosary delighted a large audience here last night, the play being pronounced "just grand." But, oh horrors, of all the cold theatres we ever visited, last night was the record. The show was of sufficient interest to cause most of the audience to tough it out. The old barn has always been bad enough, but the record is broken for unadulterated suffering with cold feet. Mr. G. G. French, half owner of the building, determined to make it more comfortable, and on yesterday had the old wood heaters removed and coal stoves holding about four quarts of coal put in their places, and at 3 o'clock fires were started. At 7 o'clock the little cast iron pots were showing their color which was red, but the heat was too compressed to expand over six feet. Those stoves would make good watch charms for stove drummers. "The Climax," another rattling good play, is booked for next Friday night, the 26th, but if there is not a great change in the weather on the mode of heating the opera house, we don't believe they'll be much doing. Better try it again Mr. French.

Last Sunday Boylin's Jewelry Store had a half page ad in the Star and he is already delighted with the results. One day this week he sold what is probably the most costly wedding present ever sold in Lumberton.

Things were looking queer here Thursday night, and those who were on the proposed racket could imagine they could hear screams, murder, help, and evrything terrible. It was enough to make the dead shudder. Early in the night a policeman was approached and informed that he must be off the street from 9:30 to 10:30; said the order came verbally from the Mayor, and that the same order had been sent to the Chief. Volunteers were called for secretly to join a raiding party and beat some young fellow almost to death and give him so many hours to leave town. When Officer Roach was given orders to vacate for the time required, he allowed he'd stay on his job and join in the fun if it started. We do not know if the chief was ordered to lay low, but that too would have been a kind of sickly explosion of watered gas, as everyone knows Redfern takes no dragging. We have seen the list of braves who were going to perform the grand act, and would publish it but for the fact that a number of them have good fathers and mothers whom we would not cause one moment's pain or anxiety under any circumstances. There was, we are told, one married man in the crowd. His name is on the list at least. We would not be afraid to bet that if the better class of Lumberton people should see this list of names they would be surprised. The big time on Thursday night was a great big nothing, but bubble busting and one of the fire-eaters was carried to his room between a couple of pals. They carried him because his legs refused to operate without help.

Once again the Robeson Advance is reported to have changed hands, wehreby Mr. Parnell becomes owner of the newspaper plant and Mr. G. S. McKenzie retains the job office. Until Mr. Parnell can secure a new press the Robesonian will do his press work.

Never before do we remember seing Florida oranges sell on this market as cheap as at the present, $2.50 to $2.75 per box.

Rev. Father Gallagher will fill his regular monthly appointment here tomorrow morning, the service being held at the home of Mr. Jno. Redmond instead of the opera house, the change being made on account of the cold weather.

The Seaboard expects in a few days to move the telegraph office from the freight to the passenger station, all the railroad telegraphing being done from the passenger station.

Some of our people are of the opinion that the town authorities are making a great mistake by undertaking to improve the streets at this time of the year. They say that this work should be done during the Summer and instead of tearing up the ground at this time of the year, hold the money to do the work until warm weather comes again.

Mr. V. B. McMillan, of Wilmington, has accepted the position of bookkeeper with the First National Bank, to begin work Monday. Mr. McMillan leaves the American National Bank, of Wilmington to come to Lumberton.

Major Howell, of the corps of engineers, addressed a meeting of citizens here Thursday on the question of the government improving Lumber river. None living here now will see that job completed. The Panama Canal will be a small affair compared with making Lumber river a navigable stream. The first boat from Georgetown, we hear, is to be called the "Hardy Bell". Wait for the whistle to blow before you start down to see the boat coming in.

It looks like the Western Union might be going to put in a down-town office at the Waverly Hotel. Already it takes much of a messenger boy's time there.

Supt. Sentelle, of the Graded School, gives notice that the school will close for the Christmas holidays next Friday, the 20th, and will resume work on December 31st.

Mr. Sandy McEachern reported to the Robesonian this week that a man killed near St. Pauls nine wild geese at one shot. If we didn't know Mr. McEachern as well as we do we'd be from beyond Missouri.

Many visitors arrived on the early morning trains on shopping expeditions.

Mr. A. H. Anderson, agent for the Buick automobile, received this morning a car load of these machines, several of which have already been engaged.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Several Important Appeals Decided Yesterday—Tax Exemptions

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 14.—The Supreme Court, Justice Hoke writing the opinion, today in R. D. Davis and others vs City of Salisbury, re-affirmed the rule of law that only the church buildings, parsonage and other property used for the church work are exempt from taxation under the law and the property held for the church and yielding rentals or other revenue must be subject to taxation. The court sustained the Mattamuskeet drainage district bonds in Caravan vs. Drainage Commissioners from Hyde county.

The court refuses a trial in the case of State vs. Arthur Johnson, from Pender county, in which the prisoner is under death sentence for killing his wife.

Peele vs. Powell, Bertie, petition to re-hear, sustained; Caravan vs. Drainage Commissioners, Hyde, affirmed; State vs. Harriss, Hertford, new trial; Styron vs. Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Co. and Morehead City, Carteret, no error, costs against Morehead city; State vs. Johnson, Pender, no error; Mercantile Co., vs Town of Mount Olive, Wayne, affirmed; State vs. Currie, Richmond, new trial; Speight vs. Seaboard Air Line, Richmond, modified and affirmed; Owens vs. Wright, Durham, error, costs against defendant; Ward vs. North Carolina Railroad Co., Guilford, no error; Davis vs. City of Salisbury, Rowan, affirmed; Hartsoe vs. Southern Railway and City of Hickory, Catawba, appeals of both defendants dismissed; Roper vs. Insurance Co., Henderson, plaintiff's appeal affirmed; defendant's appeal error; Madison County Railway vs. Gahagan, Madison, no error; Justice vs. City of Asheville, affirmed; State vs. Tate, Cherokee, no error; State vs. Bradley, Swain, no error; Board of Education vs. Orr, Graham, motion of defendant for certiorari denied; judgment affirmed; Boggs vs. Mining Co., Jackson, case remanded; Moody vs. Mining Co., Jackson, case remanded; Kirkpatrick vs. McCracken, Haywood, no. error; Hardwood Co., vs. Waldo, Cherokee, no error; Commissioners of Macon county vs. Zachary, Macon, no error; Queen vs. Snowbird Valley Railroad Co., Graham, appeal dismissed. Court will complete the work of the term and adjourn early next week.

BELIEVES IN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

Sir Thomas Lipton Believes Men Should Help Look After Babies.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—"I am such a sincere believer in woman's suffrage that I even believe men should share the actual care of the babies, especially the first few months of their existence," declared Sir Thomas Lipton in a statement here today. "I believe most positively in woman's suffrage," added Sir Thomas. "How can any man, if he loves and respects his mother, refuse to consider her right of citizenship. I do not approve of the militant method some over-anxious women have pursued, but why should we expect that there should not be women agitators as well as men agitators?"

For several days Sir Thomas has been the guest of friends in Atlanta. He left today for the East.

St. Paul, Minn., December 14.—Various organizations of women's clubs here have decided to combine and follow the examples set by women in Philadelphia in forcing a reduction in the price of eggs in that city.

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STUDYING CANAL ACT.

Seators Not Agreed as to Chances for Arbitrating Dispute.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Whether a majority or two-thirds of the United States Senate would be necessary to order the Panama canal dispute with Great Britain submitted to The Hague court of arbitration for adjustment has become a matter of study among members of the Senate since the receipt of the protest against the toll provision in the recent canal act exempting American coastwise shipping. It is the opinion of many Senators who were originally opposed to granting American coastwise shipping free passage, that if the subject finally reaches the Senate only a majority of the votes of that body will be held to be necessary for the adoption of an agreement for arbitration.

So far as could be learned today no plans are under way for an attempt to repeal the toll exemption provision to which Great Britain has directed its chief protest. Although the course was recommended by Secretary of War Stimson in his annual report, Senators who were strongly identified with the fight against exemption last August stated today that they knew of no contemplated bill of amendment to repeal that portion of the law.

A strong sentiment exists in the Senate in favor of a final submission to arbitration of the respective rights of Great Britain and the United States at the canal. Leading Senators, who endorsed this sentiment, however, expressed the belief today that it would be impossible to secure even a majority of the Senate in support of an arbitration agreement if the President should finally submit such a agreement for approval. The passage of a bill repealing the tolls exemption provision of the law also would be practically impossible, it is stated.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY.

Prominent Entries Included in List for Pinehurst Meet.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 14.—Entries for the ninth annual holiday golf tournament scheduled for December 27th-31st, include Robert E. Hunter, of Midlothian, former inter-collegiate champion, and his cousin, Paul Hunter; Walter J. Travis will head the metropolitan delegation, while Parker W. A. Hittemore and George H. Crocker, of Brookline, will represent Massachusetts. Henry C. Fownes and other experts from Pennsylvania will participate.

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 14.—Investigation today showed that Mansfield Thornton and his wife, negroes, whose bodies were found in ruins of their home near here, destroyed by fire last night, were murdered and robbed. Pools of blood and a stick covered with blood and human hair were found nearby. Governor Mann has been asked for bloodhounds.

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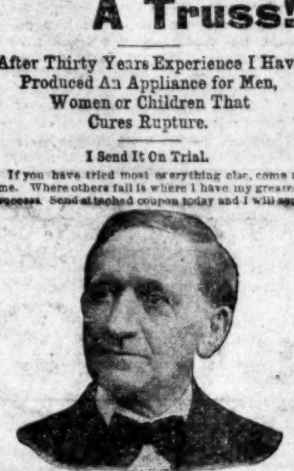

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No. 48, * 8:30 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
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No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (!), Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
N. 59, ! 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Breller, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, *10:00 A. M.
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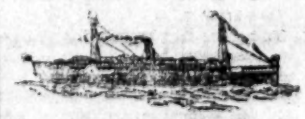

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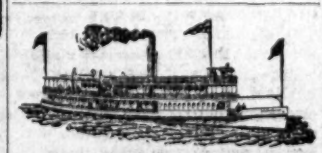

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P. M.		A. M.
3:15 Lv	Wilmington	Ar. 8:15
4:05 "	Town Creek	" 7:20
4:20 "	Bolivia	" 7:05
4:55 Ar.	Southport	Lv. 6:30

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Lv. Lynchburg	4:20 p.m.	5:30 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a.m.	6:35 p.m.
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Snday, December 15, 1912.

Play ball—the coming season.

Every day is a new era in Wilmington.

Most men don't even know what a jabot is.

What has become of the old-fashioned gentleman who ordered "pistols and coffee for two?"

The Columbia State acknowledges that Columbia is looking for a slogan. How'd this do: "This Ain't Cole—umbia?"

Our idea of a terrible risk is for a North Carolina darkey to get in a "skin game" with a bunch of Georgia Afro-Americans.

The greatest shock that could be given to a magnetic fellow is to have his current short-circuited in an effort to connect with the currency of a chinchy friend.

Our idea of a stingy cuss is a man who cusses when his wife wants him to come across with a Christmas present equal in value to the cigars he smokes during a year.

Paint will make a piece of property look like it is worth something. It helps to make the town look prosperous. Neglected property in a town makes it look like a last year's bird nest.

Governor Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, who is to be Vice President after March 4th, has accepted the invitation to be commencement orator next June at the North Carolina University. The distinguished Indianian is greatly admired in North Carolina and will receive an enthusiastic reception in the Tar Heel State.

A Wilmington man's wife made him go with her to do her shopping early. She bought him a nice Christmas present and she had him to pay for it along with other articles that she bought. His wife has locked up his present and won't let him have it till Christmas morning so he will recognize her thoughtfulness and appreciate it more.

A Bible student claims that the war in the Balkans is the fulfillment of Scriptures as to Armageddon. The crescent has gone down before the cross, and if it be that the triumph of the Christian armies over those of Mahomet typifies Armageddon, it shows that Col. Roosevelt wasn't standing anywhere in the neighborhood of it during the recent campaign.

The cities which grow the most are those which manufacture. Interior cities which have built factories and attracted population have outgrown the ports. In that particular manufacturing is more advantageous than commerce, but when a port can have both it ought not to lose any time in doubling up its factors for development. The development of all our opportunities will make Wilmington grow faster than any city in the State.

Farm produce weighing eleven pounds can be sent through the parcels post but that is not the way farmers are going to market their products. A ten cent cabbage sent through the mails would cost the consumer 25 cents, as the parcels postage on it would be 15 cents. There are a great many things that a farmer can send through the parcels post but he will be pretty apt to receive more packages than he will ever send. Even as cheap as the rate seems to be, the postage on many small articles will be greater than their price. Indiscriminate use of the parcels post will still make it more expensive than economical.

FINANCING THE SOUTH'S COMMERCE.

The Southern Panama Canal Conference held in Atlanta last Tuesday and Wednesday did enough to open the way for us to have a broader conception of the course which the South must pursue if it is to share in the commercial opportunities that will be open to the United States on account of the Panama Canal.

It matters not that the conference seems to have laid more stress on a subsidy for American shipping, or some other legislation to foster our maritime interests, than it did in finding out the things to be done by the South in order to share in the benefits of the Isthmian waterway. That is a matter for Congress and the Nation to take up, and it will do so in some way or other, so we need not worry about that while we are considering the Southern end of the proposition. We rather think all that will be attended to before the South gets all its ducks in a row and gets ready to share in what this country and all the world knows is bound to greatly enlarge the commerce of America as well as that of all the world. The truth is, it is in the general commercial revolution that is going to be brought about by the new water route between the Atlantic and the Pacific that will bring to this country the greatest benefits from the shipping that is to move this way in order to reach the canal. Indeed, if no considerable European and Oriental commerce is to move through the Panama waterway, it certainly opens up to the United States a competing water route quite equal to that open to Europe by way of the Suez canal.

Getting down to the South's part of it, there are four principal things that we have to consider. Over and beyond the question of ships, the first is how shall we finance Southern commerce? At the Atlanta conference a Georgia cotton manufacturer called attention to the difficulty in the way of the mills in meeting competition in the matter of granting long time to Latin American importers and merchants. We must infer that if the mills are to be exporters they will have to increase their capital stock or go to the banks for assistance. Thus we see that the canal is going to open up a bigger and broader field for finance in the South. If the mills are not to do any great amount of exporting themselves, it must be done by commission and export companies at our South Atlantic ports. These will require large amounts of capital, so the financial end of it is one of the features that will be the outgrowth of any large development of Southern commerce.

We might say that the next thing for consideration is to learn the requirements, conditions and business methods of the countries with which we hope to establish commercial relations. Third, we must ascertain the resources of our own ports and interior cities for furnishing exports or taking imports. The interior manufacturing centres have their part of it to study, while the ports will have their part of it to consider, as well as necessarily finding out what the interior can be depended on to do. Fourth, the ports will have to consider what their facilities for commerce are, notably in the matter of docks, piers, warehouses, and shipping agencies through whose hands it is necessary for commerce to pass at the ports. Commerce from the interior certainly cannot come by rail and go away by water without somebody to look after it.

We believe that commission and export companies will do most of the commerce which is to be done and that they will handle the business on their own account or represent groups of mills which may have exports for the foreign trade. Wilmington would do well to organize such a company, for it will be found out that they will be the outgrowth of the new commercial opportunities at Southern ports.

There is not much use for the ports to expect greatly increased commerce without the means and facilities for doing it. Let us take Wilmington, for instance, and study what the requirements of this particular port are for increased commerce. Within the past year, Wilmington has greatly increased her docking and warehouse facilities and is prepared to do a considerably increased commerce; but we know that there is yet a lack of warehouse facilities if not docking and terminal facilities. Recent experiences here clearly show that our present greatest need is more harbor warehouses, for two or more instances have occurred, showing that import commerce had to be turned away for lack of warehouse accommodations.

When, therefore, we take up Wilmington's end of the proposition and study it we will find out that there are two things that ought to be done right away—one to provide warehouses, and the other to organize a commission and export company on similar lines to those of New York, Philadelphia and Boston, which are already handling millions of dollars worth of the $500,000,000 of products of the cotton mills of our own Piedmont country.

DOLLAR DIPLOMACY IS HELPFUL.

President Taft too seriously took to heart the press jibes about dollar diplomacy. He defended the policy of having American consuls do a little spying around for trade opportunities. Strictly speaking, consuls are not exactly diplomats, but are the country's executive and commercial representatives abroad. We do not see how an intelligent consul could keep from seeing opportunities in a foreign country, and if he sees them he would not do much for the country if he did not make his observations public for the benefit of the whole country. If he kept them to himself and quietly invited a few friends to share in his discoveries, he would be using a government position to serve his own ends.

Our foreign representatives, even higher up, are doing quite as much for the country when they cultivate trade relations as they do in looking after the international amities. Commerce is honorable and if the cultivation of commercial relations is "dollar diplomacy", the country will be glad to have more of it. We hope it will be kept up under President Wilson's administration and we are pretty sure it will.

As a matter of fact, the consuls of all foreign nations pursue the same policy that is ridiculed as dollar diplomacy in this country. The reports of the British consuls and consular representatives concerning American commercial matters and the resources of this country are among the most intelligent and thorough of any consular reports that we have seen. Recently a British cansular officer, keeping a close eye on cotton production in this country, took the trouble to visit the new cotton growing region in southern California, and we learned from his report more about California's effort at growing cotton than we have been able to pick up at home.

Probably the reason that Great Britain, Germany, France and other countries have beaten us to trade under our nose, is that they have intelligently sized up the resources, methods and needs of every other country on the grobe. They keep their information more of a secret than we do, because they do not care to let each other know what they are doing, but as the United States have no near commercial rival it is not so necessary for us to keep the public from knowing what our consular representatives abroad are finding out.

Within the past few years, the reports of our consuls have contained a vast amount of matter that is both interesting and valuable, and we do not believe the country generally shares in the ridicule or criticism handed around about "dollar diplomacy". The Nation has not waked up commercially enough to appreciate the splendid service that our foreign representatives can give while performing more or less diplomatic duties at their various stations. The slurs about dollar diplomacy will pass away as the people begin to get their eyes wider open.

So far as looking out for commercial opportunities is concerned, all nations are doing it either openly or on the quiet.

WILMINGTON'S COMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES

We have been asked what Wilmington can export and import in view of the movement to increase Southern commerce. Wilmington already is exporting raw cotton to the value of $28,000,000 to $31,000,000 annually. The port is doing that because cotton is a Southern product. North Carolina herself having last year produced more than a million bales. That product is demanded in Europe, and the port from which that Southern product should be exported is a Southern port. Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Wilmington, Charleston, Mobile and Norfolk already are exporting directly from the South more than two-thirds of the raw cotton that is produced in the South. These ports are doing that because they have the export organization, compresses, and terminal facilities for doing the business.

All well and good, if we can export the one Southern product to better advantage that other ports can do it, we can export all other Southern products to equal advantage. Wilmington is exporting a few peanuts to South America, and she has exported two cargoes of iron from the furnaces of Alabama, destined through this port for Chile. We can increase those exports by proper effort, and what of the millions of dollars worth of manufactured tobacco turned out in the factories of North Carolina—one of the most immense industries of the State? What about the $500,000,000 of cotton mill products produced in the Piedmont? What of the millions of dollars worth of furniture manufactured in North Carolina, the second furniture manufacturing State in the United States? What of the machinery manufactured in North Carolina and elsewhere in the South? To our own knowledge Charlotte, in a limited way, and Chattanooga, to a considerable extent, are exporting machinery through Northern ports.

These are but a few things that ought to go through the port of Wilmington, while in imports we already are doing a business of several million dollars. How much more could we do for ourselves as well as the interior if we would organize and do it? The question is, do we recognize our opportunities and will we make the most of them?

CURRENT COMMENT.

They are about to show that Governor Hughes' investigation of the New York stock exchange was conducted solely for the benefit of the exchange.—Durham Herald.

If President Taft fulfills his design of making a journey around the world after the expiration of his term of office he will not travel with a brass band and fireworks, nor with a moving picture machine in his gripsack, but he will be everywhere greeted with an interest and respect worthy of his distinguished career.—New York Tribune (Rep.)

History will write down Lucile Cameron as the worst moral misfit since the days that the licentious Sappho fired the minds of the Grecian populace with her passionate poems. A white woman that will become "mashed" on such an ebony-hued individual as Jack Johnson would have to go through a million years of evolution to arise to the level of an African ape or a Brazilian monkey. Lucile was surely constructed by the Devil from the tailings of a brass foundry.—Littletown (Pa.) Independent.

At a thousand points the sweatshop work of the tenements touches the lives of the more fortunate with a threat. A woman sits working at willow plumes with a board of health diphtheria notice on her door. Tuberculosis is a common, typhoid an occasional, visitant in the stifling rooms where dolls are dressed, or nut meats picked out for Christmas dainties, or plumes willowed, or embroideries stitched. In one poor home Dr. Anna S. Daniels tells how a child lay dying of infantile paralysis, her mother unable to attend to her. The woman had to work. One employing contractor told the commission how his own child had died of a disease brought back from a tenement workroom in infected merchandise.—New York World.

Hon. Martin V. Calvin, in Monday's Morning News goes to the kernel of the situation when he attributes the low average yield of corn to the acre in Georgia to the tenant farmer. If statistics were available they would show that the average for the farmer who owns his farm is much higher than 13 bushels to the acre, while for the man who farms on the tenant or "cropper" plan it is much lower. There are some tenant farmers who make good crops because they fertilize well, but these do not remain tenants long. They soon own farms of their own. The average tenant gives no thought of the year to come. He gets all he can out of the soil this year at the least expense to himself; for the next he is somewhere else. The result is worn-out and impoverished lands, small yields and run-down farms—Savannah News.

Yesterday there came to Charlotte a farmer from Mint Hill, in Mecklenbury county, who sold his cotton at 18 3-4 cents a pound and his seed at a dollar a bushel. On one by no means heavily laden wagon he had $78 worth of seed. This matter of seed at three times the price for the common article should have more attention than it has yet received. As the superior profit in staple cotton becomes widely recognized, the demand for the superior seed will grow in proportion. A farmer who produces high-priced cotton will have no trouble whatever in selling high-priced seed. One speaks for the other. This Mint Hill farmer sold his cotton in short order, his seed in equally short order, and pocketed the cash. He, like many others, was richly rewarded for the enterprise he had shown. Long-staple cotton is now coming to Charlotte not only by wagon but by rail. Farmers within the adjacent regions of both Carolinas are beginning to ship the article here for sale or for warehouse storage pending certain and speedy sale at a high price. Here they can dispose to equal advantage of their cotton and their seed. Charlotte's reputation as a buyer or short-staple or common cotton from her territory has not been all we could wish; but in the matter of long staple there can be and has been no question that she equals or overtops the best.—Charlotte Observer.

Senator Root recently spoke strongly in deprecation of what he said was our besetting sin as a people, a chronic habit of distrust. It is a fact lamentable that large groups of the people should misunderstand and distrust other large groups, but Senator Root's specific application of his homily was somewhat inept, for he went on to deplore the loss of popular confidence which had been suffered by the leading financiers of America. The speaker especially regretted that such a condition should prevail at this time, because it greatly impaired the ability of such financiers to employ their trained minds to the advantage of the Nation in the reformation of our currency system. Mr. Root can hardly be unaware that the financiers have themselves to blame very largely for the decline of popular confidence in them. Nevertheless, the general purpose of his address was sound and timely, however unfortunate may have been the concrete illustration that he chose. There is no greater obstacle to progress, none harder to overcome, than the blind distrust in which masses of the people hold entire classes of those who are peculiarly equipped to do them useful service. The habit yields only bitterness to those who indulge it and sadly complicates honest effort in behalf of needed reforms. The golden mean lies somewhere between a green and salad credulity and a chronic distrust of all that is not perfectly understood.—Columbia State.

Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the Winter and Spring months is penumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cts. and $1.00. Trial bottle free at R. R. Bellamy.

(Advertisement.)

The Wonderful Toy Store

This Store has made splendid preparations for the Holiday Shoppers. Everything on display on First and Second Floors. A Great Variety of Small Toys, as well as the Large Toys, like Automobiles, $7.50 and $10.00; large Rocking Horses, real horse hair cover; strong enough for a small Man to ride, $4.50 up to $8.50.

Express Wagons, Velosepedes, Tricycles and various kinds of Baby Carriages, 50c to $5.98. Lots of new novelties in Toys that you have to see to appreciate.

Many new things in the Chinaware for Christmas gifts.

Ladies' new Neckware for gifts are always appreciated. Kid Gloves make fine gifts. We have them in big assortment.

Umbrellas are always acceptable gifts, they are here at 98c to $5.00.

Christmas Coat Suits and Furs, also Children's Coats; Silk Waists; Linen-drawn work; Muslin Underwear; all these are useful and acceptable gifts.

Crawford Shoes for Men—Dolly Madison, LaFrance; or Zeigler Shoes for women, are useful gifts.

Remember our store will remain open until 9 o'clock beginning Monday, December 9th.

Remember beginning Monday, December 9th, our store will remain open evenings until 9 o'clock for the benefit of our customers who cannot come early in the day.

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Make Nice Gifts

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U. S. SQUADRON SAILS

American Battleships Conclude Visit To Vera Cruz—Disappointed

Vera Cruz, December 14.—The United States squadron, comprising the battleships Minnesota, Kansas, Michigan and South Carolina under command of Rear Admiral Fletcher, concluded its visit here and sailed at sundown.

Admiral Fletcher came ashore this afternoon and returned the official call of General August Valdez, military commander of the district.

Officers of the squadron enjoyed a few hours of shore leave, but owing to limited time this privilege was denied the men.

Visitors to Vera Cruz, both American and Mexican, many of whom came from the capital and interior towns, were keenly disappointed at not being able to go aboard the warships. But although weather was fine, the heavy swell made boarding difficult and dangerous.

General Valdez went to the flagship in a Mexican launch and was drenched, and he was glad to return in the Admiral's launch.

—Officers Chas. G. Jones and G. W. Bullard found a negro who gave his name as Charlie Best at Fourth and Bladen streets early last night with blood streaming from a minor wound in the head. The negro would not tell who hit him. He was sent to the hospital to have his wound dressed and then taken back to the City Hall. He is thought to be wanted in South Carolina.

You Limpers! You Need—TIZ

Puts Life, Vim, Energy Into Tired Feet, Limbs, Spine, and Is a Wonder for All Foot Troubles.

Free Trial Package Brings Joy.

If your feet feel as if they were stuck in the mud—if they feel as if each step were a trip-hammer blow—get a box of TIZ from any druggist, 25 cents.

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FOR SALE

On account of retiring from active river business, I offer my steamboat "Rosa," 3 lighters and 1 gasolene boat for sale cheap, including my good will, and will render any assistance required. A good chance for someone to start in a profitable business, as boat has contract for from 2 to 5 years to haul for government for locks and dams on Cape Fear, also other large contracts on hand. For further particulars apply to

Capt. CHAS. WESSELL,
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Christmas Presents

What is nicer for a present than a Stein-Bloch Suit or Overcoat, a Stetson Hat, a pair of Gloves, a Suit Case or Grip, a swell Tie, a stylish Sweater, a fancy Shirt, a beautiful Combination Set, a nobby pair of Pants, an Automobile Gloves, a dozen Arrow Collars, a pair of Silk Hose, a Scarf Pin, or an elegant Muffler and a Bath Robe with Slippers to match. For any of the above goods, come to us. We are right next to the Bijou.

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that are discolored, broken or decayed with considerable disgust. As you regard others, so others will regard you.

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A. D. BROWN

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS BUSY

Goods In the Stores Are Dwindling, But Enough Still Left to go Around—Early Shopping Is The Order Now

Ten days more and Christmas will be here. There are left but eight shopping days and these promise to be busy ones in Wilmington. Shopping began earlier than usual this year and as a result a great many people have bought most of their Christmas things, but there are still a number who have just begun to make their purchases. This week and the early part of next week is left to them.

The merchants say that the Christmas sales so far have been very satisfactory, probably surpassing any previous year up to this period. The stores have been crowded with shoppers every day for the past two weeks and the crowds become larger as the festival season approaches. Those who throng the stores are not out for a sight-seeing trip, but are in search of some suitable gift for a friend or relative. The shoppers have been delighted to find exactly what they wanted in nearly every instance. The merchants have had big and well-selected stocks this season and this has been appreciated by the shoppers.

The stocks in all the stores are dwindling rapidly and one or two stores have had to replenish their stock in certain lines. Most of the men, women and children who crowd the streets and the stores in the shopping district are laden with bundles, for they have taken the hint and are taking their small purchases home themselves rather than risk delay. One result of the early buying has been that the customers have been better satisfied than ever before, they have had more time in which to make their selections and there has been full opportunity for the rectifying of any mistakes that have been made.

Yesterday was a good day for the merchants and shoppers thronged the stores until late last night.

The shipping of Christmas packages has already begun and from now until Christmas the expressmen and the postoffice people will be pretty much on the run. People are gradually waking up to the fact that in order to have their Christmas packages delivered without delay they should be started in ample time. Already two extra wagons have been put on by Mr. J. W. Smith, manager of the local office of the Southern Express Co., and he expects all teams to be busy until after Christmas Day. He expects even larger business this year than last and is making his preparations accordingly.

MEETING IS POSTPONED

Boys' Brigade Members Are Urged to Attend Bryan's Lecture

The regular Monday meeting at the Boys' Brigade will not be held tomorrow night, having been postponed until a later date, in order to allow all members to attend the lecture of Colonel Bryan. The following letter from Col. Walker Taylor, the commander, is self-explanatory:

"Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 13th, 1912.

"Mr. Chas. Dushan, Manager Boys' Brigade, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir: I am writing to ask that you notify our members that we will postpone our regular Monday night meeting for the 16th.

"I take this action in order to allow the members to attend the lecture to be given by Mr. William J. Bryan, than whom there is no better orator in this country, it having been my privilege and pleasure to hear Mr. Bryan on several occasions, I want each member of the Brigade to have the same privilege.

"Mr. Bryan's subject, 'The Making of a Man,' is what the Brigade stands for and is producing. Hence, I trust that every member will avail himself of the opportunity to hear this distinguished citizen's views on that subject. Very cordially yours,

"WALKER TAYLOR."

"The Servant In the House"

The Academy will make but one offering this week. Next Saturday, matinee and night, "The Servant in The House" will be presented. This play being of a religious order and a dramatic classic is very appropriate at this season of the year. On Monday December 23rd, the "Four Pickerts" will begin their annual engagement. This is the best repertoire attraction that visits this city. The Pickerts' vaudeville between the acts is worth the price of admission. The next big New York attraction comes Monday, December 30th, and is one of the most fascinating musical comedies ever written in offering "The Prince of Pilsen" with a company of 100, including orchestra of 20 pieces.

Portraits Presented

With appropriate exercises Friday afternoon two handsome steel engravings, one of Gen. Robt. E. Lee and the other of "Stonewall" Jackson, given by Mr. Chas. W. Worth, of Wilmington, were presented to the public school at Seagate. A short address was made by Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, and Mr. Worth was also persuaded to make a few remarks. The children of the school rendered a very pleasing programme of readings, songs and recitations. The portraits will be placed on the walls of the school building. Misses Kara Reid and Mary Bryan are in charge of the school.

Barque Matanzas Disabled.

Messrs. Maffitt & Wood, local ship brokers, who were agents for the barque Matanzas, which recently sailed from this port to New York, received a telegram from the owner of the vessel yesterday, saying that it had been picked up near Norfolk with disabled rudder-head and towed into that port. The Matanzas cleared from Wilmington on December 4th, with cargo of 17,800 cross-ties, consigned by Messrs. G. T. and W. J. Flynn. The vessel will no doubt be towed to her destination.

Big Holiday Bills

New song by Mr. Chick and three of the best ever in the moving pictures at the Grand Theatre tomorrow.

(Advertisement.)

CAPE FEAR CLUB BUILDING

Contract Awarded Yesterday to Local Builders—Work to Begin Soon

The contract for the handsome home which the Cape Fear Club will erect on the splendid site recently purchased at the southeast corner of Second and Chesnut streets was awarded yesterday to Messrs. Wallace & Osterman, of Wilmington, Mr. Robert W. Wallace being the senior member of the firm. There were quite a number of bidders, but the local firm was successful before the building committee which makes the award on the plans and specifications made by Mr. C. P. H. Gilbert, of New York. The figures were not given out, but, of course, the building will be a splendid one and in full keeping with the traditions and aspirations of the city's oldest and most important social club.

The club building will be three stories high with basement, of Colonial design, the exterior being perhaps of red press brick and marble. On the west side there will be Colonial columns, two stories in heighth, supporting the superstructure of the handsome home. The main entrance porch on Chesnut street is to consist of Colonial pediments supported on columns. One of the principal features will be the south porch and terrace overlooking the club grounds.

The new building will be completed on or before July 1st, 1913, and will be one of the notable achievements in city building during that year.

BACK FROM WASHINGTON.

Mr. Keith Says Chances Favorable for Increased Appropriation.

Mr. B. F. Keith, collector of customs, who, with Joseph W. Little, Esq., representing the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce appeared before the House Building Committee in Washington Friday and urged the importance of favorable action on the bill providing for an increased appropriation for the proposed new customs house here, returned to the city yesterday morning. Mr. Little went to Baltimore and Philadelphia on business and is expected to return today.

Mr. Keith said that the chances are very favorable for the increased appropriation of $350,000. He feels more encouraged, he says, than at any time since the bill providing for additional appropriation was introduced. Chairman Shepard, of Texas, the committee, manifested deep interest in the remarks of the speakers, especially when they spoke of the volume of business through the local port.

Senator F. M. Simmons promised Mr. Keith that he would give every assistance to have the appropriation granted. Mr. Keith has written a personal letter to Congressman J. M. Gudger, of this State, who is a member of the committee, setting forth the need for the extra appropriation. The matter of the additional appropriation for the customs house will be settled definitely at this session of Congress, said Mr. Keith.

PRAISE FOR MR. J. D. NUTT.

Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, K. of P., Writes of Him.

Hon. Fred E. Wheaton, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Knights of Pythias, who was in Wilmington recently to attend a Pythian rally, writing in a recent issue of the Pythian Advocate relative to his visit to North Carolina in connection with the Bible Class conventions held in this State, pays the following handsome compliment to Mr. J. D. Nutt, of this city, Deputy Grand Chancellor Commander:

"State Deputy James D. Nutt, for many years a vital force in Pythian affairs in Tarheeldom, was dispatched around the domain to aid the lodges in several districts where these events were scheduled, in making arrangements, arousing interest, and working up the details. Brother Nutt is one of the most thorough and capable workers in all the field of Pythian endeavor; no task is too great for him to undertake, nor does he shirk duty in any direction. During the past decade he has been the force and power behind each succeeding administration, and has rendered faithful and efficient service in all undertakings involving the order's welfare. His work covers the widest range of activity, and whenever anything is needed to done, Brother Nutt is on the job instanter, no matter from what corner of the domain the call comes."

RETURNS TO "FIRST LOVE."

Mr. F. Jolly Resigns With Gore Company to Re-enter Jewelry Line.

The many friends in Wilmington of Mr. F. Jolly, the popular shipping clerk with the D. L. Gore Company, will be interested to know that he has resigned his position there, effective January 1st, and that early in the new year he will leave for Philadelphia, where he will engage in the jewelry business, with which he is thoroughly familiar having been previously engaged in this line. It will be a source of regret to the many friends of Mr. Jolly and family to know that they will give up their residence in Wilmington, but the very best wishes of a host of friends will go with them to their new home.

Case of Whiskey Stolen.

Charged with the larcey of a case of whiskey, the property of Chas. H. Davis, colored, at the union station last night about 6:30 o'clock, Thomas Mask Jones, colored, was arrested a few hours later and is being held at police station in default of bond for trial tomorrow before the Recorder. Officers searched the house where Jones stays, but did not find the whiskey. Davis told the officers that he had a case of three gallons of whiskey at the union station which he intended to take on the 7:30 o'clock train to his home at Navassa. He claims that he has two or three witnesses by whom he can prove that the whiskey was stolen by Jones.

Mr. Seth Walton Passes.

Friends in this city and county will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Seth Walton, which occurred at 1:55 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home on Greenville Sound. Mr. Walton was 84 years old and is survived by his wife and five children. One brothed, Rev. Miles Walton, pastor of the Second Baptist church at Florence, S. C., also survives. Mr. Walton had been in declining health for some time. The interment will be in Masonboro cemetery this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Go to Rehder's for toys, fireworks and all kinds of Christmas goods.

(Advertisement.)

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors for Services today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market nd 17th streets—Services at 11 A. M. All are cordially invited.

St. Thomas church, Dock, near Second—Mass at 9 A. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Instruction and benediction at 8 P. M.

St. Mary's church, Fifth and Ann streets—First mass 7 A. M., Last mass, sermon 10:30 A. M. Vespers, instruction 8 P. M.

Grace M. E. church, corner Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor—At 11 A. M. sermon to W. F. M. S. by Rev. Mr. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district; 7:30 P. M. sermon by Rev. J. C. Wooten. The pastor will preach next Sunday.

Fifth Street Methodist church (Nun and Church streets)—The pastor, Rev. G. T. Adams, will preach at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Evangelistic services at night led by large chorus choir under the direction of Mr. W. R. Dosher. The public cordially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. H. E. Beatty, pastor—Divine service 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 10 A. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. Public cordially invited.

St. James' church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector—Holy Communion at 7:30; morning prayer and sermon at 11; evening prayer and sermon on "The Gospel for an Age of Doubt" at 8. A cordial welcome to all.

First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets, services 11 A. M., subject: "Redemption by the Blood"; 7:30 P. M., "Can the World Detect the Difference Between the Saved and the Unsaved Sinner?" Sunday School 9:45 A. M., J. H. Foster, pastor.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth street, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. In the morning the sermon will be an explanation of the Advent of Christ into Conscience. At the evening service the sermon will be a presentation of the claim of Christianity as the Final Religion. All visitors are cordially invited. Sunday School meets at 3:30 P. M.

PYTHIAN DISTRICT MEETING

Attractive Programme Arranged for Gathering at Acme, N. C.

Pythians of the First district, which includes the Wilmington lodges, will hold their district meeting with Cronly Lodge, No. 192, at Acme, N. C., Thursday, December 19th, and a very attractive programme has been arranged by the committee in charge. Messrs. G. Herbert Smith, M. B. McAuley and McB. B. Wilson compose the committee.

The meeting will be called to order at 4:30 o'clock and will be presided over by Irvin B. Tucker, Esq., of Whiteville, District Deputy Grand Chancellor. After prayer by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, of this city, the address of welcome will be made by Mr. G. Herbert Smith. Col. Walker Taylor, of this city, Grand Chancellor, will then be introduced and will speak on "Pythianism." Short talks will be made by Capt. Thos. D. Meares, of this city, Supreme Master of Exchequer; Mr. Thos. H. Webb, Past Supreme Representative, and Dr. W. C. Galloway, of this city.

Supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock by the ladies and at 8 o'clock the business of the district meeting will be transacted. A number of Wilmington Pythians will attend, going up on the afternoon train and returning at midnight.

HEARING ON TUESDAY

Committee From Local Chamber of Commerce Will Go to Washington

A committee from the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce will leave Monday for Washington, where on Tuesday they will appear before Gen. W. H. Bixby, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., and with delegations from Savannah and other cities south of here, they will present arguments why the inland waterway project should be continued from Beaufort to Key West. Recently the Board of Review recommended that the project be not extended farther south than Beaufort for the present. The final decision is with General Bixby and the commercial organizations of Wilmington, Savannah, Jacksonville and other cities hope to be able to prove to him that the project should be continued.

The Chamber of Commerce will be represented by Mr. M. J. Corbett, president of the organization; Mr. M. W. Divine, who is president of the North Carolina Waterways Association, Messrs. Walker Taylor, Hugh MacRae, R. A. Parsley and H. C. McQueen.

MAJ. W. C. RODMAN ELECTED.

Succeeds H. C. Bragaw, Retired, as Colonel of Third Regimet.

Lieut. Col. John VanB. Metts returned yesterday morning from Goldsboro, where Friday afternoon he attended a meeting of the officers of the Second Regiment, North Carolina National Guard, called for the purpose of electing a successor to Col. H. C. Bragaw, of Washington, N. C., retired. The meeting was held at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Maj. W. C. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., was elected to succeed Col. Bragaw and Capt. C. M. Faircloth, of Company H, Clinton, was elected major of the Third Battalion to succeed Maj. Rodman. There were about 25 officers in attendance.

Friday night the visiting officers were entertained at a supper at the Kennon Hotel. The supper was given by the officers of the Regiment, who live in Goldsboro complimentary to the visitors and was a very pleasant affair.

Meeting of the U. C. T.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of Cape Fear Council, No. 374, U. C. T., was held last night in council hall with a large attendance of members. Mr. Horace Pearsall, Senior Councillor, presided and Mr. L. H. Burnett, the secretary, was at his post. Plans were discussed informally for the annual oyster roast to be held at the Lighthouse, Wrightsville Sound, Saturday evening, December 28th, following a special meeting at which a number of candidates will be initiated.

A most suitable Christmas present—a pair of gold spectacles or eye glasses fitted by Dr. Vineberg, the Eye Specialist at Masonic Temple. Eyes tested free. (advertisement.)

CASES BEFORE RECORDER

Several Road Sentences Were Imposed In County Tribunal Yesterday—Morning—Violators of Prohibition Law

"As it appears that the wife in this case was absolutely under the influence of her husband in the illegal traffic in whiskey, I will give the husband sufficient punishment for the couple and allow the woman to go upon payment of the costs," said Recorder Furlong yesterday morning in passing judgment in the case against H. Pollock and his wife, Nora Pollock, colored, charged with violating the prohibition law. "Let the man be sent to the roads for 12 months," continued the Recorder.

Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., counsel for the defendants, gave notice of an appeal to Superior Court in the case of H. Pollock. The woman admitted having made a sale of whiskey, but claimed that it was done under the instructions of her husband.

Henry Brittain, colored, was arrested Friday on a warrant charging burglary, was tried on a charge of larceny by trick and received a term of 12 months. The burglary case, which, it appears, will hardly develop more than larceny, may be tried when the 12 months' sentence is completed. W. M. Street, a white man, was complainant against Brittain. He alleged that the negro hired a bicycle from him and failed to return it.

A. E. Benjamin and Mack Jordan were tried on a charge of affray. Benjamin was found not guilty, while Jordan received 30 days on the roads. Walter McNeill, colored, was found not guilty of firing a pistol in the city limits and carrying a concealed weapon. John Smith, colored, was found to be the one carrying the pistol and he was fine $25 and costs. Arthur Beatty, colored, was found not guilty of an assault on a female. J. E. Silvia, a white man, was found guilty of riding a bicycle in a reckless manner and riding without a bell. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. A case against S. Shain, for violating the hitching ordinance, was nol prossed. The case against J. M. Leasia, charged with assault with deadly weapon by shooting Jerry Carewe, was again continued, this time until Monday. It is said that an effort is being made among the parties involved to adjust their differences so that a request can be made of the Recorder at the hearing to be as lenient as possible under the circumstances.

A civil action entitled Joseph Johnson against the Atlantic Coast Line was started yesterday. It is an action for $200 damages for injuries received by the plaintiff while at work under a coal car at Water and Ann streets late one afternoon in October. The plaintiff alleges that the car was "bumped" into by the "dummy" engine and that he was dragged for some distance. At the time of the accident another negro at work under the car was killed. Kellum & Loughlin represent the plaintiff.

COL. BRYAN TOMORROW NIGHT

Distinguished Nebrakan Will Lecture At the Academy of Music

The indications are that William Jennings Bryan will be heard by a tremendous crowd at the Academy of Music tomorrow night, when he will lecture on "The Making of a Man," under the auspices of the Business Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church.

The following committee will leave here Monday at 12:45 for Navassa on the tug Navassa to meet the distinguished visitor and accompany him to Wilmington: Messrs. J. P. Whyte, John R. Hanby, Daniel H. Penton, Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, Mayor Joseph D. Smith, Messrs. M. J. Corbett, B. F. Keith, Hugh MacRae, H. C. McQueen, Chas. H. Evans, W B. Cooper, George Rountree, J. Allan Taylor, R. A. Brand, James Sprunt, B. O. Stone and T. M. Emerson.

As previously stated a public reception will be given at the Orton Hotel Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30. This will be an informal affair and is arranged in order to give the people of the city an opportunity to greet the visitor. Following the reception Colonel Bryan will be entertained for the remainder of his stay here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt.

MAIL TO SOUTHPORT

Pouch Service on W., B. & S. Will Give Fine Service to Town

Mr. H. E. Goodwyn, traffic manager of the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad, was advised yesterday that the government on Tuesday, December 17th, would avail itself of the opportunity of pouching mail for Southport on the new accommodation train recently put on between Wilmington and the lower Cape Fear city. Mail for Southport will go out to Navassa on train No. 51 of the A. C. L., at 5:35 A. M., and will be taken on the accommodation train from there to destination, arriving at Southport about 10:35 A. M. The advantages of this service over the present is easily manifest and will be a great accommodation to the people of Wilmington and Southport. The W. B. & S., had the matter up since the inauguration of the new train service and have been remarkably successful in its efforts to give Southport and Wilmington the very best service in this line.

New Presiding Elder to Preach

It will be a pleasure to many Wilmington people to know that twice today they will have an opportunity of hearing Rev. L. E. Thompson, the new presiding elder of the Wilmington district, M. E. church. Rev. L. E. Thompson, formerly pastor of Hay Street church in Fayetteville, but assigned at the late conference to the Wilmington district, will preach at 11 A. M., at Grace church and at Trinity M. E. church Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to either or both services.

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This Monster Pre-Holiday Garment Sale Lasts but One Week.

This Sale embraces all the BEST STYLES in Suits, Coats, Furs, Waists and Skirts for Women, Misses and Children. Nothing will be reserved, but each Garment will be offered at an IRRESISTIBLE reduction from our regular figures—and our REGULAR figures are ALWAYS below competition.

Let Nothing Keep You from This Great Sale.

OPENING CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS.

Gift Goods for Every Member of the Family.

Our Christmas Stocks—better, bigger and handsomer than ever—will be ready tomorrow. A six months' tireless search of the great wholesale quarters, the Toy marts, the Doll factories and the Fancy Goods houses has produced a fascinating gathering of Holiday Goodness, the like of which was never before seen in Wilmington. It is like one vast World's Fair of Christmas Wonders and you should come and SEE it. No matter whether you intend to buy or not, we especially welcome the sightseers. After all, however, the finest thing about THESE Holiday Stocks is the fact that we NEVER exact EXTRA profit because of the Christmas Season. Prices HERE are ALWAYS fair.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

The Store That's Always Busy

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early This Year, at POLV OGT'S. It Pays.

SOCIETY

Mrs. John M. Enos is confined to her home at No. 109 1-2 Chesnut street on account of an attack of the grip.

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Miss Anita DeRosset is spending a few days in the city and is a guest of Mrs. M. A. Curtis, Jr., No. 314 South Second street.

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Miss Madge Brand has returned from Columbia, S. C., here she attended a dance given Friday night by the Cotillon Club.

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Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, of New York City, arrived yesterday to visit her mother, Mrs. T. H. Pritchard, on Wrightsville Sound.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Miss Vida Dickinson, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Laura Ball, on Blount street."

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Miss Margaret Murphy left yesterday afternoon for Sumter, S. C., where she will spend several days as the guest of friends.

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Mrs. M. H. Shepherd has as her guests at her home, No. 11 South Eighth street, Mrs. J. Loftin Kerr, of Clinton, and Miss Dearborn, of Amherst, Va.

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Miss Mary Nash, of New York, and Mr. H. K. Nash, Jr., a student at the A. & M. College, are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Nash.

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Practices are being held for a Christmas cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem" by Wm. R. Spence, which will be given at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, December 22nd, under the direction of Miss Cannie Chasten. In addition to the regular choir a large number of the best singers in the city will have part in the evening's entertainment. Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the church, will make a short address on "The Star in the East."

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A feature of the sale to be given by St. Mary's Guild at St. James' Parish House Tuesday afternoon, December 17th, at 3:30 o'clock, will be a variety of home-made delicacies for the table. In addition to these, there will be many dainty articles suitable for Christmas presents. A large part of the proceeds from this sale will go to help industrial work in East Carolina and the members of the guild hope for a good patronage on this occasion by the public generally.

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Invitations have been received in this city and elsewhere reading as follows:

Mrs. B. F. Boykin
gives in marriage her daughter
Anne Jacobs
to
Mr. Robert Neal Murphy
on Wednesday evening, December the twenty-fifth, nineteen twelve
at six o'clock
Five hundred fourteen Princess street
Wilmington, North Carolina

The honor of your presence requested.

Both are popular young people of this city and have a host of friends who will be pleased and interested upon this announcement.

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Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Christmas bazaar, which was given in the Court House Thursday night by the ladies of the Civic League, was one of the most enjoyable social occasions of the season. The various booths had been artistically and tastefully decorated with holly and smilax. A splendid programme consisting of songs, recitations and tableaux was presented. Especially worthy of mention was the tableau of Tennyson's "Dream of Fair Women." While Mrs. Etta Powell read this poem many of the young ladies of the town posed for the different figures. The costumes were especially pretty. The proceeds from the sale of the many articles displayed at the bazaar will be used to carry on the work of the league which is without doubt the livest organization that we have.

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PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING AT TAR HEEL, N. C.

Tar Heel, N. C., Dec. 12.—On Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock in Beth Carr Presbyterian church, a marriage of considerable interest to people in Eastern Carolina was solemnized when Mr. Frank Tennell Dickson, of Council, led from the altar Miss Lena McNair Robeson, of this place. The attendants were: Maid of honor, Miss Mary Eliza Robeson, sister of the bride; Miss Willis, of Wilmington, and Miss Roberta Cox, of Red Springs; Mr. David G. Robeson, of Council, best man; Mr. Tom McDowell, of Elizabethtown, and Mr. Paul Dickson, of Council.

Little Miss Sadie Robeson bore the ring in on its nest of satin and ferns. The bride, attractively gowned in white charmeuse, carrying a shower of lilies of the valley, came in on the arm of her father, Mr. Jas. Robeson, who gave her away. The bride's maids were lovely in pure white, carrying chrysanthemums and ferns. Rev. W. R. Davidson, pastor of both bride and groom, officiated. Miss Ellen Cox softly played "Constant Devotion" during the marriage ceremony. The church, naturally artistically beautiful, was tastefully decorated with evergreens and chrysanthemums and lighted with candles.

After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served to the bridal party and guests at the home of the bride. The house was decorated the same as the church and was also a scene of rare beauty. The large collection of tasty presents bespoke the popularity of the young couple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. James Robeson, who is one of the most prominent business men of this section and one of Bladen's foremost citizens. She is considered one of the most attractive young ladies of the county and one of whom all Bladen is proud. The groom is a son of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Dickson, of Raeford. He came to this county about seven years ago a mere boy and has made good as a business man and a progressive citizen.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. and Miss Willis, of Wilmington; Mr. Herbert Ramseur, Miss Fan Williams and Miss Tillinghast, of Fayetteville; Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Dickson, Miss Susie and Florence Dickson, of Raeford; Mrs. D. McDowell, Messrs. Thos. and Norman McDowell, Geo. and John Whitted, Rev. W. R. Davidson, Mr. A. Brown, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Emmie Whitted, of Elizabethtown; Messrs. David G. Robeson and Paul Dickson, Dr. A. B. Holmes and Col. D. M. deVane, of Council; Misses Ellen and Roberta Cox, of Red Springs, and Miss Florrie Willis, of South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson took a southbound train out of Fayetteville the same night for points of interest in Florida.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. John McRae, of Leland, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. T. West, of Leland, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the well-known architect, returned yesterday from Lincolnton, N. C., where he closed a contract for plans for a handsome $10,000 church to be erected by the Reformed Church.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were P. H. Sears, Whiteville; J. G. Thompson, Miss Gladys Thompson, Whiteville; Miss Leitha Jenkins, Fair Bluff; Miss Flora Aycock, Fremont; H. B. Phillips, Fairmont; Mrs. E. B. Wright, Boardman; W. T. Aycock, R. B. Whitaker, Whiteville.

—Among the arrivals at The Southern yesterday were J. A. Hearn, Newbern; A. M. McKeithan, Shallotte; G. T. Flynn, Currie; R. L. Patterson, Rocky Mount; W. H. Hickman, Hallsboro; B. E. Moyette, Norfolk; A. G. Stokes, Laurinburg; R. D. Pridgen, Currie; W. Elston, Burgaw.

KILLED LARGE EAGLE.

Mr. John R. Hanby Shot Big Bird at Scott's Hill Yesterday.

While out duck hunting on a pond at Scott's Hill late yesterday afternoon, Mr. John R. Hanby killed a large American gray eagle, which he brought back to the city with him and which was viewed with interest by several hundred people in a down town store last night. The eagle measured seven feet from the tip of one wing to the other and weighed about 20 pounds. Mr. Hanby hid himself to await the approach of some ducks known to be on the pond. The eagle came within a short distance of him and apparently started to light when it saw Mr. Hanby and then suddenly started upward. Mr. Hanby fired and the bird fell to the ground, but not dead. The eagle started running toward Mr. Hanby, who fired again and again until three additional shots had been fired, each taking effect about the head. The bird then keeled over dead. Persons in the neighborhood told Mr. Hanby that the eagle had been seen in the community for some time.

PORT PARAGRAPHS.

Steamer Clears With Cotton—Schooner Carries Cargo of Ties.

The British steamer Turkistan, Capt. Bliault, cleared yesterday for Liverpool with cargo of 14,114 bales of cotton, valued at $940,000. Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son exported the cargo and are agents for the vessel. The Turkistan will steam early this morning.

The schooner Fannie Prescott, Capt. Colberth, cleared yesterday for New York with cargo of 365,000 feet of lumber. Messrs. Woodson & Graves exported the cargo and Messrs. Maffitt & Wood are agents for the vessel.

The Norwegian barque Simetra, which cleared several days ago, sailed on the 12th for Southport.

The schooner Mary E. H. G. Dow, which cleared for New York with cargo of cross-ties a day or so ago, sailed from Southport on the 13th.

Real Estate Transfers

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: August O. Schuster and wife to Jacob M. Solky, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on south side of Princess street, 87 feet west of Front, 19 1-2 feet on Princess street and runs back for 99 feet; W. H. Andrews and wife to W. M. Cumming and wife, for $900, lot at "Carolina Place," same being on south side of Market street, 162 feet west of 20th, 33x113 feet in size; J. M. Branch and wife to W. M. Cumming and wife, for $10 and other considerations, lot at "Carolina Place," same being on the northwest corner of 21st street and Gibson avenue, 99x113 feet in size.

Christmas Tree for Poor.

The Salvation Army will hold its Christmas tree for the poor children of the city on the afternoon of New Year's Day. Adjutant D. Mataxas, in charge of the local post, says that it is hoped to entertain at least 250 children on this occasion and each child will receive something from the Christmas tree. Adjutant Mataxas is making arrangements to distribute the usual number of baskets of provisions to poor families on Christmas Day. Donations in the way of money or provisions will be gladly received by the Army.

Downtown Toy Store

Messrs. J. H. Rehder & Co., with their accustomed enterprise, are opening their downtown toy store in the large salesroom at southwest corner of Front and Princess streets, formerly occupied by the J. W. Fleet Co., and it will remain open until after the holidays. Mr. Carl B. Rehder is in charge and a large stock of holiday goods and fireworks is carried.

—The fire department was called out at 5:20 o'clock yesterday morning in answer to an alarm from box 55 on account of a blaze on the second floor of the combination store and dwelling building at Eighth and Dawson streets, owned by Dr. T. V. Moore, of Currie, and occupied by Mr. J. T. Hudson, on the first floor, as a grocery store, and by two families on the second floor. The fire was caused from a chunk of fire rolling out of the fireplace on the second floor and did damage to the amount of about $200.

Go to Rehder's for toys, fireworks and all kinds of Christmas goods.
(Advertisement.)

LOCAL DOTS.

—Signor Cammareiro has returned to the city with the Boston Italian Band to fill several engagements of an interesting nature during the holiday season.

—A new Pythian lodge was instituted Thursday night at Weldon by Mr. James D. Nutt, State Deputy Grand Chancellor, Knights of Pythias. The new lodge starts off with about 20 members.

—The regular weekly meeting of the Wilmington Ministerial Association will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the rooms of the temporary headquarters of the Y. M. C. A. An address will be made by Rev. H. C. Bowen, pastor of the Christian church.

—Rev. T. C. Ellers, pastor of the Elise Methodist circuit, who has been spending several days in the city as the guest of his mother, will preach at Bladen Street Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The public is invited to hear him.

—Mr. H. L. Fennell, the well-known motor car dealer of Wilmington, spent Friday in Burgaw and sold to Mr. W. N. Rivenbark a five-passenger Everett automobile. It is understood that Mr. Rivenbark will use the machine in his livery business.

—It is announced that Mr. Page, who has been baggagemaster at the union station for more than a year, has resigned and that he is succeeded by Mr. Sampson, who comes here from the Southern Railway. Mr. Harry Rourk will continue as assistant baggagemaster.

—The work of excavating for the foundation for the new Y. M. C. A. building on Market street, next north of the Colonial Hotel, is about half completed. It is expected that work on the foundation will be started the latter part of the week. The Y. M. C. A. officers are well pleased with the progress that is being made.

—Appointments for the Yoke Fellows for today are as follows: City prison, Claude Cooper and M. H. Brimmer; county home, J. T. Sholar; fire station, Rev. G. T. Adams and Decator Robinson; county jail, H. E. O'Keef; Middle Sound, H. E. O'Keef and A. Cowan; Farmers' Station, R. F. Coleman and W. E. Beaton.

Turning

Night into day; extra hours spent in small offices; short hours of sleep and long hours of working have created an unnatural strain on the eyes. What have you done to relieve this strain? Think it over. Dr. Vineberg, the Eye Specialist, Masonic Temple, eyes tested free. (advertisement.)

BANKING POWER GROWING.

Share in General Prosperity According to Comptroller's Report.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Business in general, as reflected in the condition of the banks of the United States, has shared in the country's prosperity, according to Lawrence O. Murray, in his annual report made public today.

The banking power of the Nation, represented by capital, surplus, profits, deposits and circulation, reached during the year the enormous total of $22,548,707,000, a high record, showing an increase of 5.69 per cent. over 1911 and 27.8 per cent. over 1908. Since 1900 the banking power has increased 111 per cent., or more than doubled. During the last 12 years, the number of banks has increased by over 107 per cent., and their volume of business as indicated by deposits shows an increase of over 127 per cent.

The Comptroller's report consists of a mass of statistics with analyses, most of which previously have been published.

In connection with the rates on money, which recently have been soaring, the Comptroller simply observes that the rates were normal up to August with a tightening of the money market thereafter. According to the last condition report, September 4th, the Comptroller points out that New York and Chicago were slightly deficient in the amount of their legal reserves and St. Louis slightly excessive. Banks in the major portion of other reserve cities were also slightly deficient, but the country banks maintained an excess of the legal requirements.

Less than 70 per cent. of the total amount of National bank notes which the National banks might circulate under the law, has been issued. Based upon the September 4th report, the banks might increase their circulation by $321,927,060, Mr. Murray says.

The National banks, the report indicates, hold over 80 per cent. of the bonded debt of the United States in the way of securities for circulation and public deposits and as investments.

During the fiscal year 1912, the National banks paid dividends aggregating $120,300,872, or 11.66 per cent. on capital and 6.93 per cent. on capital and surplus combined. The net earnings of $149,056,603 were equivalent to 8.59 per cent. of the capital and surplus. During the last 43 years the banks have paid an average annual dividend of 9.17 per cent. on the capital stock.

Eight National banks, with an aggregate capital of $1,100,000, failed during the year ended October 31st, while 83 National banks, with an aggregate capital of $21,605,250 were placed in voluntary liquidation.

ANNUAL "WALLOW" BIG SUCCESS

Washington Corral of Military Order of Carabao Recalls Former Days

Washington, Dec. 14.—Enlivened by songs, speeches and "stunts", recalling the early days of American occupation in the Philippines, the 10th annual "wallow" of the Washington corral of the Military order of the Carabao, held tonight, was the most successful in the history of the organization whose members comprise most of the army, navy and marine crops officers who served in the Philippines during the days of the "Empire," from 1898 to 1902.

Chief Justice White and Associate Justices Vandeventer and Lurton, of the Supreme Court, Secretaries Stimson, Fisher, MacVeagh, Nagel and Wilson and Postmaster General Hitchcock were among the prominent guests who helped to make the occasion notable.

During the dinner there arrived from Manila, in an aeroplane, which first appeared on a screen as a speck and approached until it became real size, a messenger extraordinary, who announced that the Filipino tribes "in cockpit assembled" had just adopted a declaration of independence. To prove that they should be given independence, the declaration recited that the United States had been tyrannical by suppressing inter-tribal strife, encouraging business and commerce, raising the standard of living in the islands, economically collecting the revenues and so on through a long list of reforms.

The messenger urged the Carabao to get the United States to double their number of battleships in Philippine waters.

The toastmaster was Major General Robert K. Evans, in command of the Department of the Gulf. Henry D. Estabrook, of New York, spoke in favor of retaining the Philippines, declaring that the time had not come to arrange for independence for the Filipinos.

FIGHT WILL BEGIN MONDAY.

Senate to Consider Bill Prohibiting Liquor Shipments.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The long contest for legislation to prohibit shipments of liquor into "dry" States will come to a focus in the Senate Monday, when consideration of the Sheppard-Kenyon bill will begin. Senator Kenyon today secured an order for the convening of the Senate at 11 o'clock Monday, giving two and a half hours for consideration of the bill before the Archbald impeachment trial intervenes. An effort will be made to pass the bill next week.

Slumber Socks.

Keeps the feet warm. Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.)

Store open Every Evening, Beginning December 18th, Until Christmas.

KRESS'
5 AND 10 CENT STORE
S. H. KRESS & CO.

The Store of a Thousand Wonders and The Christmas Smile

As you step over the threshold of the great Kress store, you are at once thrilled with the joy of the Christmas spirit. How quickly do you realize that to miss visiting a Kress store is to miss the better part of Christmas. Not only children, but grown-ups seem to find greatest delight in wandering through this store of a thousand wonders.

The shopping early spirit is everywhere apparent, and especially would we impress the importance of shopping during the morning hours when stocks are more complete and the Christmas smile of the sales ladies more pleasing, because of a night of refreshing sleep.

Buy now. Morning hours are best for Holiday buying.

Monday and every day this week, "Children's Day," at the Christmas store.

Toys for Girls
Tea Sets
Pianos
Dolls
Games
Work Boxes
Bureaus
China Closets
Wash Stands
Large assortment of Books for Girls.

Toys for Boys
Horns
Trains
Iron Toys
Tool Sets
Wagons
Driving Reins
Automobiles
Motor Boats
Battle Ships
Large assortment of Books for Boys.

Chriotmas Candy for Everybody

Kress Quality Christmas cany, with its guaranteed purity and wholesomeness, solves the candy problem at minimum cost.

Every piece of Kress candy is guaranteed by the Pure Food Law, and chocolates are heavily coated. Every piece is a sip for the lip, at Kress' popular prices

10c. lb.
FUDGE,
CAROMELS,
BUTTERCUPS,
JELLY DROPS.

15c. lb.
GEM BON BONS
COCOANUT BROWNIES,
ICED COCOANUT SQUARES,
CARAMELS.

25c. lb.
ALMOND ULTRA CREAM CHOCOLATE,
MARSHMALLOWS,
CHOCLATE PEANUT CRISP,
CHOCOLATE WALNUT TOP.

In Christmas Packages.

The Remembrance
Of These
XMAS GIFTS
Will Linger Long Afterwards

Boker Pocket Knives
(In individual cases).
Stag Carving Sets
Silver Carving Sets
Ivory Carving Sets
Pearl Carving Sets
(In lovely satin lined cases)
$2.50 to $12.50 Set

Manicure Sets
(Beautiful ones)
$2.50 to $10.00
(Regular Factory Cost values).

Scissor Sets,
(Boker Brand)
$2.00 to $4.00
(Fine values).

Gillette Razors,
(Nickel, silver and gold plated),
$5.00 and Upward

Bird Scissors, 50 and 75c
(In Christmas boxes).

Silver Plated Tea and Table Spoons,
Table Knives

"Majestic" Ranges.

Tools for Boys

Roller Skates
(Best ball bearings), nickel plated)
Priced to $2.00

Air Rifles,
(Get one for the boy. Shoots shot).
Prices:
.25, .75, $1, $1.25, $2

Hamilton Rifles, .22 cal.,
Price: $1.50, $1.75

Remington Rifles,
Single shot $3.40
15-shot $9.50, $12.50

Marlin Rifles, repeaters,
$8.50 to $12.50

Savage Rifles,
$4.00 to $12.00

Our Special Double Hammerless Gun,
(Quality warranted)
$15.40

Blank Cartridges.

Aluminum Kettles and Ware.

Cake Chests,
(Something that will delight the ladies)
Price: $2.50

Universal Aluminum Coffee Machines and Percolators,
$2.50 to $11.75

Special Loaded Shells,
For Prize Shooting

"It's a Pleasure for Us to Show Them to You."

N. Jacobi Hardware Co.
10 & 12 SO. FRONT STREET

CLASHES WITH SEA LORDS.

Winston Churchill Causes Resignation of Vice Admiral Bridgeman.

London, Dec. 14.—When Winston Spencer Churchill took control of the admiralty as first lord there was much speculation as to how a minister of his enterprising and pugnacious temperament would work with the sea lords, who have been accustomed to dominate in professional matters.

The resignation of the first sea lord, Vice Admiral Sir Francis C. Bridgeman-Bridgeman, whom Prince Louis, of Battenburg, succeeds, is followed by rumors that all sea lords have threatened to resign. A question of veracity between the first lord of the admiralty and Vice Admiral Bridgeman-Bridgeman, which has arisen, has caused a sensation. Mr. Churchill, pressed by Lord Charles Beresford in the House of Commons for an explanation, declared that Vice Admiral Bridgeman-Bridgeman's retirement was due solely to his health, and on Mr. Churchill's request. When the vice admiral was asked by a reporter if he had retired on account of his health, he replied: "My answer is in the negative."

The friction is believed to have been begun by Mr. Chuchill insisting upon directing the details of the last maneuvers against the advice of the sea lords.

FILL COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

Democratic Caucus of House Will be Called After Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A Democratic caucus of the House will be called immediately after Congress re-assembles January 2nd, to fill committee vacancies. The most important seats will be one of the Ways and Means Committee vacated by Representative Hughes, of New Jersey, who is seeking Senatorial honors; one on the Appropriations Committee vacated by Representative Cox, Governor elect of Ohio, and the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee, vacated by Representative Sulzer, Governor-elect of New York.

Representative Flood, of Virginia, already has informally assumed the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee by unanimous agreement of the committee. There is a spirited contest for the Ways and Means place. The New Jersey delegation is supporting Representative Hamil, of Jersey City, now in Europe, the Texas delegation is behind Representative Garner, and other State delegations have proposed candidates.

Slumber Socks.

Makes a useful present—Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.)

Fruit cake 25c. lb., Farris Bakery. 'Phone 626. (Advertisement.)

WILSON SAILS FOR HOME

President-elect Departs From Bermuda on the Str. Bermudian

Hamilton, Bermuda, December 14.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson sailed today for New York on the steamer Bermudian. A large crowd gathered on the quay and cheered Governor Wilson as the steamer sailed away.

Governor Wilson declared that he was delighted with his vacation. The Bermudian was escorted down the harbor by British officials in steam launches. The steamer will be convoyed on the journey by the Royal Mail steamer Oruba.

Washington, December 14. — The steamer Bermudian, with President-elect Wilson aboard, will be practically convoyed to the shores of the United States by several American battleships and the revenue cutter Seneca. With their powerful wireless sweeping the seas these vessels will be in constant communication with the approaching steamer. The battleships of the Atlantic fleet left Hampton Roads yesterday for the high seas, while the Seneca is cruising southward from New York.

WILL DISMISS INQUIRY.

Government May Compromise on Alleged Oleomargerine Frauds.

Washington, Dec. 14.—It is believed here that the grand jury inquiry at Chicago instituted by order of Judge Landis into alleged oleomargerine frauds will be dismissed as a result of a conference today between United States Judge Wilkerson, of Chicago, and officials of the Internal Revenue Bureau. Mr. Wilkerson was shown the record in the cases, including a promise by the Treasury Department that no criminal prosecution would be undertaken by the government. The department is now endeavoring to reach a compromise as to the amount in taxes due the government by the manufacturers concerned using oil containing coloring matter in making oleomargerine.

FISH AT A CENT A POUND

The Market Glutted by Record Catches at Beaufort

Beaufort, N. C., December 14.—Fish at one cent a pound was plentiful here today when power fishermen came into port after one of the greatest catches within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The vessels' decks, as well as their holds, were loaded. Six hundred thousand pounds of fish, it is estimated, composed the haul. The market was glutted and as there is no cold storage plant here the sea food was sold at a cent a pound and then all was not disposed of by the fishermen.

Financial and Commercial

COTTON MAKES GOOD ADVANCE

After Making New High Records for the Season on Late Deliveries, Market Declined Under Realizing—Close Up.

New York, Dec. 14.—After making new high records for the season on May and later deliveries the cotton market declined under heavy realizing, but closed steady at a net advance of five to 13 points.

The opening was firm at an advance of 7 to 13 points and the market sold 10 to 15 points net higher during the early trading on relatively firm cables, further reports of light ginning returns, bullish overnight spot advices from the South, outside buying orders attracted by yesterday's strength and renewal of support from leading trade brokers. May contracts sold up to 12.92, or about 65 points above the recent low level, while March contracts advanced to 12.95, or within three points of the season's high record. Around these prices there was heavy realizing for over the week-end while there may also have been some selling for a reaction, or bearish operations encouraged by a feeling that bullish factors had been fully recognized, and by the census report showing a smaller domestic mill consumption for the month of November than was reported in October. The market eased off in consequence, but offerings were well absorbed by a continued demand from leading trade brokers and the market closed within 3 or 4 points of the best on the active Spring positions. The report of the census bureau showed a falling off of about 36,000 bales in domestic mill consumption for November as compared with the previous month, but it showed a small increase in the number of active spindles and local bulls attributed the slight reduction in the actual amount of cotton used to the fact that November is a shorter month and contains the Thanksgiving holidays. According to the Census reports domestic mills have consumed 1,423,647 bales the first three months of the season, or at the rate of about 5,695,000 bales for the full year, compared with last year's consumption of 5,367,671 bales. The amount of cotton on shipboard at the close of business last night showed a decrease as compared with last year, and Liverpool cables claimed that recent storms had not damaged the East Indian crop.

Spot closed steady. Middling uplands, 13.20; do. gulf, 13.45. No sales.

Cotton futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	12.68	12.74	12.68	12.75
Jan	12.79	12.85	12.77	12.81
Feb	12.80	.....	.....	12.83
Mar	12.90	12.95	12.86	12.91
Apr	12.88	.....	.....	12.91
May	12.90	12.94	12.87	12.91
June	.....	.....	.....	12.90
July	12.87	12.91	12.84	12.86
Aug	12.78	12.79	12.76	12.76
Sept	12.15	.....	.....	12.32
Oct	11.99	12.00	11.97	11.99
Nov	12.05	.....	.....	12.05

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 12 15-16; net receipts, 17,016; gross receipts, 17,016; sales, 117; stock, 508,220; continent, 4,478; coastwise, 3,356.

New Orleans—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 8,913; gross receipts, 8,945; sales, 500; stock, 196,021; Great Britain, 6,400; continent, 3,250; coastwise, 347.

Mobile—Firm, 12 13-16; net receipts, 578; gross receipts, 578; sales, 725; stock, 37,061; coastwise, 37.

Savannah—Steady, 12 11-16; net receipts, 4,902; gross receipts, 4,902; sales, 4,589; stock, 169,114; coastwise, 863.

Charleston—Steady, 12 11-16; net receipts, 1,143; gross receipts, 1,143; stock, 66,336.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 2,324; gross receipts, 2,324; stock, 23,083.

Norfolk—Steady, 13; net receipts, 1,883; gross receipts, 1,883; sales, 1,818; stock, 66,842; coastwise, 2,742.

Baltimore—Nominal, 13; gross receipts, 750; stock, 9,333.

New York—Steady, 13.20; net receipts, 73; gross receipts, 1,427; stock, 109,634; coastwise, 997.

Boston—Quiet, 13.20; net receipts, 851; gross receipts, 5,360; stock, 12,810.

Philadelphia—Steady, 13.45; stock, 784.

Jacksonville—Net receipts, 780; gross receipts, 780; stock, 2,042; coastwise, 147.

Texas City—Net receipts, 3,560; gross receipts, 3,560; stock, 41,734.

Brunswick—Stock, 18,014.

Aransas Pass—Stock, 7,136.

Pensacola—Net receipts, 123; gross receipts, 123; Great Britain, 123.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 42,146; Great Britain, 6,523; continent, 7,728; stock, 1,268,764.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 42,146; Great Britain, 6,523; continent, 7,728.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,304,456; Great Britain, 2,118,807; France, 670,748; continent, 1,780,023; Japan, 85,824; Mexico, 500.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 13; net receipts, 13,528; gross receipts, 13,528; shipments, 16,481; sales, 1,618; stock, 153,175.

Augusta—Steady, 13¼; net receipts, 1,899; gross receipts, 2,044; shipments, 1,300; sales, 2,191; stock, 113,962.

Memphis—Steady, 13¼; net receipts, 2,901; gross receipts, 4,009; shipments, 4,035; sales, 2,300; stock, 151,905.

St. Louis—Firm, 13¼; net receipts, 380; gross receipts, 9,183; shipments, 9,346; stock, 16,132.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 5,209; gross receipts, 5,209; shipments, 4,837; sales, 400; stock, 13,121.

Little Rock—Steady, 13 13-16; net receipts, 1,157; gross receipts, 1,157; shipments, 622; stock, 45,693.

Total today—Net receipts, 25,274; gross receipts, 25,730; shipments, 36,621; sales, 6,413; stock, 493,984.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Spot cotton, quiet, steady. American middling fair, 7.09; good middling, 7.25; middling, 7.15; low middling, 6.97; good ordinary, 6.51; ordinary, 6.03.

Sales, 6,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 5,700 American. Receipts, 25,000 bales, including 8,100 American. Futures opened firm and closed quiet. December, 6.89; December and January, 6.87½; January and February, 6.86¼; February and March, 6.85¼; March and April, 6.84; April and May, 6.83; May and June, 6.82; June and July, 6.80; July and August, 6.77; August and September, 6.67; September and October, 6.48; October and November, 6.42.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 14.—Turpentine, firm; machine barrels, 41½.

Rosin—Quiet. Strained, common to good, 5.90.

Savannah, December 14.—Turpentine, firm, 38¾; sales, 168; receipts, 597; shipments, 199; stocks, 32,205.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 2,398; receipts, 2,600; shipments, 5,99; stocks, 156,188. Quote: A, B, C, 5.80@5.85; D, E, F, 5.85; G, 5.85@5.90; H, 5.85@5.92½; I, 5.95; K, 6.35@6.45; M, 7.00; N, 7.25; W G, 7.35; W W, 7.45.

Fruit cake 25c. lb., Farris Bakery. 'Phone 626. (Advertisement.)

COTTON CONSUMPTION IN U. S.

Census Bureau's Monthly Report Shows 475,240 Bales Consumed During November—Supply And Distribution

Washington, December 14.—Cotton consumed in the United States during November amounted to 475,240 running bales, counting round as half bales, compared with 511,285 bales for October, according to the Census Bureau's monthly report issued today.

Cotton on hand in manufacturing establishments and independent warehouses October 31st, amounted to 4,796,430 bales, compared with 3,743,210 bales on September 30th.

Exports during November amounted to 1,734,687, compared with 1,515,141 bales in October, and imports were 9,452 bales, compared with 10,570 bales.

Of the cotton consumed 243,054 bales were used in cotton-growing States and 232,186 bales in all other States.

Of the cotton on hand October 31st that in manufacturing establishments, amounted to 1,355,970 bales, of which 771,703 bales were in cotton-growing States and 584,267 bales in all other States. Cotton in independent warehouses amounted to 3,440,460 bales, of which 3,335,655 bales were in cotton-growing States, and 104,805 bales were in all other States.

Of the quantity exported 764,928 bales went to the United Kingdom; 464,058 bales to Germany; 2,63,582 to France; 51,756 bales to Italy, and 190,363 bales to all other countries.

Of cotton imported, 7,905 bales came from Egypt; 867 bales from Peru; 471 from China, and 208 bales from all other countries.

Spindles operated during November numbered 30,090,398, of which 11,629,428 were in cotton-growing States and 18,460,970 were in all other States.

Statistics of the supply and distribution of cotton for the three month period ending November 30th, are:

Supply—Total 12,921,053 bales; consisting of stocks held at the beginning of the period 1,776,885 bales; ginnings 11,113,497 bales, and net imports 30,671 bales.

Distribution — Exports, 3,980,292 bales; consumption, 1,422,685 bales, and stocks at end of period, 7,518,076.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

New York, December 14.—Flour quiet.

Wheat—Steady; No. 2 red 1.07 and 1.08; No. 1 Northern Duluth 96 1-2.

Corn—Steady, 54 1-2.

Hides—Easy

Petroleum and Wool—Steady.

Rice—Firm.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw and refined, steady.

Cheese—Firm.

Butter—Unsettled.

Spot Coffee—Quiet; Rios 7s, 14; Santos 4s, 15 7-8; mild coffee quiet; Cordova, 16 1-4 to 18; Havre 3-4 to 1 franc higher; Hamburg 1-2 to 3-4 pfg. higher.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Steady and unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cottonseed Oil—Inactive but steady with narrow price changes. The demand was small, but the firmness in the crude position discouraged selling, although moderate liquidation sent values off a little and the close was one to five points net lower. Prime crude 5.27 to 5.34; do Summer yellow spot 6.20 to 6.40; December 6.27; January 6.23; February 6.25; March 6.32; April 6.34; May 6.42; June 6.43; July 6.46. Prime Winter yellow 6.40 to 6.90; prime Summer white 6.30 to 6.80.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady at 37¼.

ROSIN—Steady, at $5.50.

TAR—Firm, $2.20 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $3.00 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip; $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 49; rosin, $5.80; tar, $1.80; crude turpentine, $3.50 for hard; $4.50 for dip; $4.50 for virgin.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	11
Rosin	33
Tar	66
Crude Turpentine	50

Receipts same day last year, 10 casks spirits turpentine; 3 barrels tar; 25 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal.

Same day last year, 8½.

Receipts, 2,324; same day last year, 5,636 bales.

Total receipts, since Sept. 1st, 270,626 bales.

Total receipts same time last year, 324,782 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 14.)

CORN—Firm; 90c. per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, 85c. to 95c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, dull, 50 to 60c.

BEEF—On foot, good demand, 3@4c. per lb.; dressed, 8c.

PORK—Dull, 9 to 10c.

WOOL—Burry, 15 to 18c. per lb.; free of burr, 25c. per lb.

HIDES—Green, 11c. per lb.; dry, 13 to 16 2-3c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 19 to 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 13½ to 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; 27@28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; 4¼ to 5c. per lb.

POULTRY—Chickens, very dull; grown, 45 to 50c. Chickens, Spring, 18 to 35c. per head. Turkeys, on foot, dull, 18c.

SHEEP—Old, $1.00@$2.50; lambs, $1.00@$3.00.

EGGS—Dull, 25c.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 14.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,977 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 5 barrels rosin; 30 barrels tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—98 bales cotton.

Str. Whitlock—10 casks spirits turpentine; 48 barrels rosin.

Annie B.—35 barrels crude turpentine.

Clyde Line—188 bales cotton.

River—61 bales cotton.

Josie B.—36 barrels tar.

Total—2,324 bales cotton; 11 casks spirits turpentine; 53 barrels rosin; 66 barrels tar; 50 barrels crude turpentine.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton goods markets were quiet today in the primary division. Retailers were active in holiday sales.

STOCK SPECULATION LIGHT

Activity Diminished and During Most of the Session Movements Were Inconsequential—Standard Issues Lower.

New York, Dec. 14.—Speculative activity in stocks diminished largely today and during most of the session movements were inconsequential. The tone at the opening was steady, but the market was influenced unfavorably by the ease with which some stocks yielded on moderate offerings. Late in the session stocks were offered more freely and prices of a number of standard issues fell. Selling was heaviest in Reading, which lost nearly two points. Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Lehigh Valley, St. Paul, Northern Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and Amalgamated dropped a point under yesterday's close.

Trading was restricted by the usual reluctance to enter upon extensive new commitments at the week-end, and also by the fact that speculative sentiment is still confused, and it is yet to be shown whether the market has definitely recovered its poise after the recent severe decline. Another restraining influence was the approach of the Supreme Court's "decision day."

There was unusual activity for Saturday, in foreign exchange rates, demand rising 40 points. The movement may have been influenced by unfavorable advices to the union financial situation.

The effect of liquidation in stocks was shown in the weekly bank statement in a reduction of more than $20,000,000 in average loans, although in the actual table the shrinkage was only $7,735,000. Instead of the predicted small loss in cash there was a gain of $4,600,000, and the excess reserve was increased by $5,000,000.

The bond market was irregular and fluctuations were narrow. Total sales, par value, $970,000. United States bods unchanged on call on the week. Total sales today 164,000.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	72⅞
American Agricultural	54½
American Beet Sugar	48½
American Can	28
American Can, pfd	113⅝
American Car and Foundry	54⅜
American Cotton Oil	55
American Ice Securities	18⅝
American Linseed	10⅝
American Locomotive	41
American Smelting and Refining	69⅛
Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd	103
American Sugar Refining	116
American Tel and Tel	139
American Tobacco	260
Anaconda Mining Co	37½
Atchison	101½
Atchison, pfd	101⅛
Atlantic Coast Line	137
Baltimore and Ohio	103½
Bethlehem Steel	34⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87¼
Canadian Pacific	255½
Central Leather	27½
Chesapeake and Ohio	78
Chicago Great Western	16⅞
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	110½
Chicago and North Western	135
Colorado Fuel and Iron	33½
Consolidated Gas	138⅜
Corn Products	13⅝
Delaware and Hudson	162
Denver and Rio Grande	20¼
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	37½
Distillers' Securities	21
Erie	31
Erie, 1st pfd	48⅝
Erie, 2nd pfd	39½
General Electric	180¾
Great Northern, pfd	134
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	41⅛
Illinois Central	126
Interborough-Met	17¼
Interborough Met., pfd	50½
Inter Harvester	108
Inter Marine, pfd	18½
International Paper	11⅝
International Pump	18½
Kansas City Southern	26
Laclede Gas	102½
Lehigh Valley	167½
Louisville and Nashville	139¾
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	137½
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	26¾
Missouri Pacific	41
National Biscuit	117¾
National Lead	54⅜
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	26½
New York Central	107½
New York, Ont. and Western	31¾
Norfolk and Western	111⅝
North American	80⅝
Northern Pacific	119
Pacific Mail	29½
Pennsylvania	120⅞
People's Gas	110¼
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	106
Pittsburg Coal	19⅜
Pressed Steel Car	34½
Pullman Palace Car	150½
Reading	163⅛
Republic Iron and Steel	25
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	84⅜
Rock Island Co	22⅞
Rock Island Co., pfd	43⅝
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	29⅝
Seaboard Air Line	18⅜
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	43
Southern Pacific	107⅝
Southern Railway	27⅛
Southern Railway, pfd	80¼
Tennessee Copper	36⅜
Texas and Pacific	22½
Union Pacific	153⅝
Union Pacific, pfd	90
United States Realty	71⅜
United States Rubber	63¼
United States Steel	95¼
United States Steel, pfd	108⅝
Utah Copper	56
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	43
Wabash	4
Wabash, pfd	13
Western Maryland	30¼
Western Union	72½
Westinghouse Electric	76
Wheeling and Lake Erie	7

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, December 14.—Assertions that the peace outlook had improved brought about considerable selling of wheat today in the last hour. As a result, the market closed heavy, ¼ to ⅜c. under last night.

Corn and oats both showed a loss of ⅛@¼c. net.

Provisions in the outcome varied from 7½c. decline to an advance of 5 cents.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.02@1.04; No. 2, hard, 86@88; No. 1, northern, 87½@88; No. 2, Northern, 85@86½.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 56; new, 51.

Oats—No. 2, white, 35@35½; standard, 33¾@34½.

Closing prices:

Wheat—December, 84½; May, 89¾; July, 86⅝@86¾.

Corn—December, 47¼; May, 48¼; July, 49.

Oats—December, 32¼; May, 32⅞; July, 33.

Pork—January, 18.47½; May, 18.45.

Lard — December, 10.57½; January, 10.15½; May, 10.05.

Ribs—January, 9.95@9.97½; May, 9.82½@9.85.

Slumber Socks.

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Fruit cake 25c. lb., Farris Bakery. 'Phone 626. (Advertisement.)

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 15, 1912.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 31 degrees; at 8 P. M., 49 degrees; maximum, 57 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, .44.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 3.4 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Generally fair Sunday and Monday.

Port Calendar—Dec. 15.

Sun rises	7:10 A. M.
Sun sets	7:04 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 mins.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	2:20	2:26	9:05	9:31
Southport	12:03	.....	6:01	6:43
Masonboro Inlet	11:34	.....	5:34	6:14

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 14, 1912.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature. Highest today.	Temperature. Lowest last night.	24-hour precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	64	40	.0
Asheville	clear	48	30	.0
Atlanta	clear	50	34	.0
Augusta	pt cldy	56	28	.0
Birmingham	cloudy	48	30	.0
Boston	clear	38	28	.0
Charleston	cloudy	52	42	.0
Charlotte	clear	50	28	.0
Chicago	clear	46	30	.0
Galveston	cloudy	58	46	.0
Jacksonville	cloudy	54	46	.06
Memphis	clear	52	36	.0
Mobile	cloudy	58	40	.0
Montgomery	clear	52	52	.0
New Orleans	cloudy	56	44	.01
New York	clear	42	28	.0
Oklahoma	clear	44	34	.0
Pittsburg	clear	44	28	.0
Raleigh	clear	54	26	.0
Savannah	cloudy	52	44	.0
Shreveport	clear	58	36	.0
St. Louis	clear	54	34	.0
Washington	clear	50	24	.0

MARINE.

Cleared.

Str. Turkistan (Br.), 2,889 tons, Blault, Liverpool, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Navahoe, 1,278 tons, Packer, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Schr. Fannie Prescott, 318 tons, Colberth, New York, Mafflitt & Wood.

Sailed.

Barque Simetra (Nor.), 12th, from Southport.

Schr. Mary E. H. G. Dow, 13th, from Southport.

Exports—Foreign.

Liverpool—Br. str. Turkistan, 14,114 bales cotton, valued at $940,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Exports—Domestic.

New York—Schr. Fannie Prescott, 365,000 ft. lumber; cargo by Woodson & Graves; vessel by Mafflitt & Wood.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. King George (Br.), 2,480 tons, Burnett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Kylestrome (Br.), 2,105 tons, Muir, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Schr. Perry Setzer, 1,268 tons, Blake, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Richard P. C. Hartley, 398 tons, Swain, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Victor C. Records, 283 tons, Griffith, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Louise F. (Br.), 160 tons, Albury, Mafflitt & Wood.

Barques.

Bk. Madura (Nor.), 1,023 tons, Brandt, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 4.

Market—Steady.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine-picked, $1.05.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine picked, $1.05.

Virginias—Prime hand-picked, 70c.; machine-picked, 65c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 12.—Spanish—Market, firm. Farmers' Stock, 1.27½ per bushel; Jumbo Spanish, $1.20 per bushel; No. 1, Shelled Spanish, 7¾ to 7½c. per lb.; No. 2, Shelled Spanish, 4½c. per lb.

Virginias—Market, firm. Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c. per lb.; Fancy Hand-Picked, 3½c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¼c. per lb.; Prime, 3c. per lb.; Machine Picked, 3 to 3¼c. per lb.; Shelling Stock, 2½c. per lb.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, December 14.—Money on call, nominal. Time loans, easier; sixty and ninety days, 6 per cent.; six months, 5½@5¾. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange, strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.83 for sixty-day bills and at 4.8550 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.84¾. Bar silver, 63⅝. Mexican dollars, 48¼. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, irregular.

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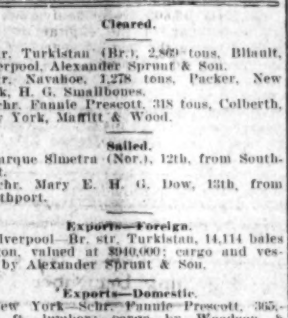

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STATE CAPITAL NEWS

Report of Secretary of State—John Armstrong Chaloner—Notes

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 14.—The forthcoming bienniel report of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, to Governor Kitchin and the Legislature will show that during 1911 there were 980 charters issued to new corporations and during 1912 there were 1,093 charters. During the two years there were 608 dissolutions; 57 trademarks were registered and charters issued for 74 banks—36 during 1911 and 38 during 1912. There were 1,686 automobiles registered during 1911 and 2,402 during 1912, making a total of 4,088 machines registered during the two years. Altogether there have been 6,106 automobiles registered since the State began requiring registration. During 1911 $6,045 was paid into the State treasury for 131 land grants and during 1912 $7,030 was paid for 124 grants.

The following railroad charters and charter amendments were issued in the office of the Secretary of State during the past two years: The Atlantic & Western Railroad Co.; The Carolina and Yadkin River; Goldsboro & Seven Springs & Swansboro; Greensboro, Roxboro & Norfolk changed to Greensboro, Northern & Atlantic; Pembroke, Red Springs & Northern; Piedmont Railroad Co., changed to Carolina & Yadkin River; South Atlantic & Transcontinental changed to South Atlantic & Southern; The Yadkin Railroad Co.

Corporation Commissioners Travis and Lee returned today from Elizabeth City where they heard evidence in the case of Citizens of Elizabeth City vs. Norfolk Southern Railroad Co., resisting the removal of the passenger station.

Judge Connor, in the Federal Court here, has dismissed the rule against W. F. Beasley, prominent citizen of Franklin county, for him to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court for attempting to tamper with witnesses in the court, the answer that Mr. Beasley made completely exonerating him. He was bondsman for five negroes in the Federal Court and another negro, Jeff Parrish, testified in court that Beasley offered to get his brother out of a scrape in Franklin county if he would testify for the five negroes he was bondsman for in the Federal Court. Great numbers of people joined in giving to Mr. Beasley the highest character.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. William J. Andrews were hostesses for a delightful informal reception in honor of Mr. Jno. Armstrong Chaloner, of Virginia, who is scheduled for an address in the Grand Theatre Sunday afternoon on "The Abuses of the Law Regulating State Hospitals for Insane." He will discuss especially the recent Weathers case in Raleigh and will present in detail his own experience with Judge Holt and his demands for the impeachment of Judge Holt. Mr. Chaloner attracted much interest here with his "bread and water" diet, which he says has done wonders for him in health development. He still insists that if his plans work out well he will leave the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia the bulk of his fortune, aggregating a million and a half dollars.

The contractors have begun work on the addition to the Raleigh post office building that is to cost $250,000. The excavations are in progress. The postoffice and other government offices have not been moved yet and the question of whether they will be moved or "worked around" in some way in the building has not been fully settled.

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING

Walter Mumm and American Woman Both Wounded During Quarrel

Paris, Dec. 14.—The whereabouts of "Mrs. Mary Barnes", who shot and wounded Walter Mumm, the well known French sportsman, and was herself wounded, according to report, are still a mystery tonight. Efforts of Paris detectives to find her and discover how seriously she was wounded, if at all, have been unsuccessful. M. Bochard, the investigating magistrate, has ordered the search for the woman to be continued, as she has been formally charged with wounding Mumm. The Mumm family maintain the greatest reticence, and today left the residence in the avenue Du Bois De Boulogne for Rheims to avoid further questioning.

The valet employed in the house where "Mrs. Barnes" lived has informed the police that early Thursday morning, he heard Mrs. Barnes cry "You're killing her."

The disturbance ceased a moment later. At 8 o'clock in the morning Mumm's brother arrived and took the injured man away in an automobile.

Mrs. Barnes remained in the house throughout the day. Several persons called, including three doctors, which seemed to indicate that she, too, had been injured. Early Friday morning Mumm's brother returned to the house and took away a woman closely muffled up. It is supposed the woman was "Mrs. Barnes."

Paris, December 14.—Further complications have developed in the sensational shooting affair Thursday night in which Mrs. Mary Barnes, an American woman, formerly of Philadelphia, and Walter Mumm, the well-known French sportman, were the principals.

Mrs. Barnes brought her revolver into play only after she had been shot twice. Every effort has been made by the Mumm family to suppress the scandal.

According to a news story today Mrs. Barnes and Mumm had been going together everywhere during the past year and Mrs. Barnes believed that Mumm was about to marry her. Differences, however, arose and Mumm declared his intention of breaking off his acquaintance with her. This was on Thursday, the night of the shooting.

Mumm was driven to a hospital and refused to call the police, who were summoned by his brother and asked to expell Mrs. Barnes from Paris.

Henri Mumm, a brother of the wounded man, in response to a request, said: "In a fit of jealousy the lady shot Walter with a revolver, breaking his collarbone. His condition is not grave."

From the police report, it appeared that Mumm attacked Mrs. Barnes during a quarrel. After a desperate fight, witnessed only by Mrs. Barnes' cook, a man called at the flat, then he, the injured woman and the cook disappeared. The police are hunting them.

BURIED IN SOLID CONCRETE

Protruding Hand Explains Disappearance of Laborer on Dam

Keokuk, Iowa, December 14.—A human hand protruding from tons of cement, the frames about which were removed several days ago, was discovered today in one of the concrete pillars of the government dam across the Mississippi. It explains the disappearance several weeks ago of one of the laborers.

The man's body is imbedded in the solid concrete and is likely to stay there, as to blast it out would be to destroy not only the body, but a great part of one of the largest blocks of cement composing the dam.

The disappearance of a laborer was noted several weeks ago, but it was not known that he had fallen into the frame into which tons of concrete were being dumped.

PROBE WILL BEGIN MONDAY

Grand Jury Will Investigate Vice Conditions In New York

New York, December 14.—Grand jury investigation of vice conditions in this city, with women of the underworld as informants against alleged police grafters upon the traffic, will begin Monday, according to plans announced tonight. Important new evidence corroborative, it was said, of that given recently by Mary Goode before the aldermanic investigation committee, was submitted in affidavit form to the district attorney today. The complaints of the woman resort keeper regarding methods of alleged police blackmail have been further substantiated, it was said, and it is now understood that the information in the hands of the authorities is in such shape as to justify immediate presentation to the grand jury.

BIG RECEPTION PLANNED

Wilson Celebration at Staunton, Va., Will be State Affair

Staunton, Va., December 14.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson's homecoming to his birthplace here on December 28th, will be celebrated with bon fires throughout Virginia, according to plans now being made. Along the route of the President-elect from Alexandria, shortly after he enters the State, to Staunton, fires will blaze a welcome. At Monticello, Jefferson's old home; at Montipelier, Madison's old home, and other prominent points the fires will burn.

Vice President-elect Marshall, it is expected, will make an address here in February.

Birmingham, December 14.—Three negroes, two men and a woman, were injured tonight when as many negro houses were almost simultaneously dynamited on the Southside. Two of the houses were on Avenue F, and one on Avenue D. Detectives as yet have no information regarding the cause of the trouble.

Slumber Socks.
Felt and leather slippers at Peterson & Ruffs. (advertisement.)

BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51. A Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, but a small charge for strictly Messenger Service calls will be made, or telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams; bills rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union." But for advertisements, always call the Star office, No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

FOR RENT—Two comfortably furnished rooms, convenient to boarding house. All conveniences. Apply 312 North Third st. de15-1t*

FOR RENT—The 11-room modern dwelling, 113 North Seventh street, in best repair; suitable for two families. Terms reasonable. A. D. Wessell, 'Phone 650. de15-1t*

LOST—Probably election night, one pair gold rimmed nose glasses, in black case. Reward if returned to E. Wright, Wilmington Steam Laundry, Front and Orange. de15-1t*

SALESMAN for general trade. Staple line. $35.00 weekly advance on commission. Experience unnecessary; simply all around hustler with clean record. D. W. Barrows, Station A, Detroit. de15-1t*

FARM FOR RENT—On Castle Haynes road, near Wrightsboro station; has a two-story, six-room house and one large barn; contains 18 acres of cleared land, well ditched; about 3 1-2 miles from city; good water on premises. Possession given at once. 'Phone 903-J, or apply to Martin Rathjen. de15-3t

WANTED—Party with small capital to invest in local business. Can easily make $200 per month. Address Margolia, care Star. de15-1t*

SIDELINE traveling salesmen make $50 to $75 weekly handling our latest production of advertising fans. Liberal terms. Apply at once. United States Calendar Co., Cincinnati. de15-1t*

SALESMEN—Ambitious salesmen, neat appearance, call on Merchants in their territory; elegant sideline; convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. de15-1t*

WANTED — Salesmen calling on drug trade to carry our boxes, labels, etc., as a side line. Oldest house; biggest line; market prices. Pictorial Printing Co., Aurora, Ills. de15-1t*

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS should be useful. Teach your children systematic saving. Give them one of our pass books with the first payment on a share or two of stock, in our 47th series, which opens Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1913. N. C. Home Building Ass'n. Office at 118 Princess street. de15,17,22-3t

THE 29TH SERIES HAS JUST BEEN PAID to our stockholders. Were you one of those who had $1,000 in cold cash? Begin to save now! Take stock in our 47th series, which opens Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1913. North Carolina Home Building Ass'n. Office at Jas. Owen Reilly's, 118 Princess street. de15,17,22-3t

FOR SALE—A good building lot, 66x165, on Chestnut between 16th and 17th; Southern exposure; macadam road; granolithic sidewalks; sewerage connection; liberal terms; low price. See Wilder & Metts. de15-1t

AT WINTER PARK GARDENS we have an ideal suburban home for sale at a price that will prove attractive. The lot is 132x330, facing the car line, and is located in the most desirable section of Winter Park. We can arrange satisfactory terms. Wilder & Metts. de15-1t

A WELL LOCATED LOT, on Princess street, near 16th, 88x165, can be secured at a bargain price. Favorable terms. See Wilder & Metts. de15-1t

REMEMBER the old reliable North Carolina Home Building Association opens its 47th series Saturday, January 4th, 1913. If you want some stock let me know at once. Jas. H. Taylor, Jr., secretary and treasurer, at James Owen Reilly's, 118 Princess street. de15,17,22,29;ja1-5t

FIFTH STREET property continues to increase in value rapidly. We have a large eight-room dwelling, on South Fifth which rents for $30.00 a month, that can be purchased at a very reasonable figure. 'Phone Wilder & Metts about this. de15-1t

DID YOU have the advantage of a college education? Do not let your child go through life handicapped. Start the fund now, by taking stock in the 47th series, North Carolina Home Building Association, which begins Saturday, January 4th. You can subscribe for stock today. Apply to J. H. Taylor, Jr., secretary and treasurer. Reilly's Real Estate Agency. de15,17,22,29;ja1-5t

WANTED POSITION, January 1st, by married man, 28 years old. Have about twelve years experience in retail general store. Have some experience on the road. Traveling position preferred. Address H., care Star. de15,18,22-3t*

WINTER PARK LOTS — The suburb that's made good, and in which prices are advancing. For a limited time two large lots, 66x330 feet in size, in most thickly populated part of the sub-division will be sold cheap. Owner is retaining his other property there. Improvements going on rapidly. Address "Quick Sale," care Star. de15-3t

FOR SALE—Small farm within 3 miles of town, on Federal Point macadam road. Good land and fine site for dwelling. This 8½ acre tract will go at a bargain to quick buyer. D. R. Foster & Co., sole agents. de15-1t

FOR SALE—Comfortable cottage home in the vicinity of 7th and Grace. Good lot; the price is right and we can negotiate a nice loan. We advise an early investigation, if you would like to own your home in this desirable neighborhood. D. R. Foster & Co. are the agents. de15-1t

MR. INVESTOR—This week we have had three crack propositions listed with us for a limited time, each netting 10 per cent. and better. The prices range from $1,100 to $3,500. If you are in the market for a good buy we would like to show you one of these Monday. D. R. Foster & Co., agents. de15-1t

BUSINESS PROPERTY is comparable to a fine jewel. Its worth is steadily and sometimes extremely rapidly enhancing and you can always convert your holdings into cash. On Front street, we can show you one of the best values that has been offered in recent months; over 90 feet frontage; only $325 per front foot; renting better than 8 per cent., and we can arrange two-thirds of the purchase price on first mortgage. Seize opportunity by the forelock and talk it over with us. D. R. Foster & Co., sole agents. de15-1t

TO RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms suitable for single gentlemen or married couples, with good table board; modern conveniences and fine location. One block from postoffice. 209 Chestnut street. de15-1t*

SALE OF ARTICLES suitable for Christmas presents to be given by St. Mary's Guild Tuesday, December 17th, at 3:30 o'clock, in St. James' Parish House. Everyone is asked to come and buy. de15-2t

NOTICE — 2,000-acre Robeson county farm for sale; 200 acres cleared; improved; good water; grist mill; good buildings; $7.50 acre; bargain. Address P. O. Box 422, Lumberton, N. C. de15-1t*

WANTED—Lady or gentleman. Can make $50 per week selling the Domestic Vacuum Cleaner. For particulars, address Roy M. Banks, Box 291, Raleigh, N. C. de15-2t*

WANTED—Ambitious young men to become traveling salesmen and earn while they learn. Write for particulars, Bradstreet System, Rochester, N. Y. de15-1t*

THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE invites the ladies to inspect their beautiful line of fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents. Also jellies, pickles, mincemeat and cakes. de15-1t*

FOR SALE—Six home-made quilts, two blankets, two counterpanes, four sheets, five pillows, one new feather bed, one mattress, window shades. Apply to 102 North Second street. 'Phone 784. de15-1t*

LOT OF TANGERINES received to be sold Monday morning. Come quick, if you want some. Oranges also. W. P. Oldham & Co., 5 North Water street. de15-1t*

FOR SALE — Cheap; horse, buggy and harness. Apply 611 Red Cross street, or 'Phone 1966-J. de15-1t*

WANTED—Switches to make at 50 cents each this week only. Also cleaned and waved, 25 cents. Mrs. Sykes, 120 South Ninth street. de15-1t*

WANTED—Locomotive engineer for logging woods. Experienced and strictly sober. Whiteville Lumber Co., Whiteville, N. C. de15-6t

LOST: $5 REWARD — Anyone giving such information as will lead to the recovery of a little white and black spaniel puppy, lost Friday, December 6th, will be paid the above reward. Information to be given to the Chief of Police, Wilmington. de15-1t

HOLLAND NURSERIES—See our Japonicas, boxwoods, evergreens, Norway silver maples, fruit trees, climbing and bush roses, wistarias, etc., just received big shipment from Europe. de15,18,22,25-4t*

TO RENT—A nice truck farm with residence, to an experienced man. Will furnish everything to a good man for a certain per cent of the profits. Address "R. D. D.," Clover Leaf Farm, Council, N. C. de15-3t*

LET US do your hauling, storing and packing. Competent men employed. Hopkins Furniture Co. 'Phone 964. de15-1t

BABY CARRIAGES made like new. Tires put on while you wait. Hopkins Furniture Co., 18 South Front street. de15-1t

SUBSCRIBE NOW; don't delay. The 47th series of the North Carolina Home Building Association opens Saturday, January 4th, 1913. See C. W. Yates, president, or James H. Taylor, Jr., secretary and treasurer, 118 Princess street. Reilly's Real Estate Agency. de15,17,22,29;ja1-5t

LOST—In Murchison Bank, time book. Will pay reasonable reward to finder. L. H. Vollers, 908 Chestnut street. de15-1t*

HELP WANTED—"Comfort" has a million and a quarter circulation, but wants more. Is 25 years old and well known. A good canvasser wanted for this vicinity. See Mr. Arlen Thursday, Dec. 19, 10 to 3, at the Colonial Inn. de15,17-2t

FOR SALE—One general service Knowls pump; one Worthington boiler feed pump; one pressure pump and two single cylinder pumps. Machinery Department, Wilmington Iron Works. de15-1t

WANTED—100 cars scrap iron. $7.50 per ton in car lots, f.o.b. Wilmington. Machinery Department, Wilmington Iron Works. de15-1t

22 LOTS for $3,300 in one block, well located; splendid buy; let us show you this desirable proposition. Telephone 332. L. W. Moore, Real Estate, 123 Princess street. de 15-1t.

20-ACRE FARMS on Castle Haynes road, within mile of Wrightsboro and three miles of city, at a bargain, terms reasonable. Telephone 332. L. W. Moore, Real Estate, 123 Princess street. Dec. 15-1t.

FOR RENT—113 North Seventh street, 10 rooms. Telephone 332. L. W. Moore, Real Estate. de 15-1t.

10 PER CENT investment on hard street, well located, splendid renting section. Let us show you. L. W. Moore, Real Estate, 123 Princess street. de 15-1t.

3,000 POUNDS strictly fresh candies for Xmas trade, at popular prices. Place your order early. Warren's Steam Bakery. 'Phone 246. de 15, 18-2t.

WARREN'S STEAM BAKERY will have for the Christmas trade an abundant supply of Fruit Cake, Pound Cake, Sally White, Walnut Pound Cake, Raisin Pound Cake and Layer Cake. Place your orders early. Warren's Steam Bakery. 'Phone 246. de 15, 18-2t.

200 ACRES FARM LANDS $10.00 per acre on county road, within half mile Rooks station, Yadkin division, Coast Line; has 5-room house, 25 acres cleared, balance timber lands. It's a bargain. See L. W. Moore, Telephone 332, 123 Princess street. de 15 1t.

$2,750.00 BUYS a new and desirable home at Carolina Place. Lot is 33x113 and has modern conveniences. House has seven rooms. James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate. de 15-1t

VALUABLE STORE PROPERTY on Princess, near Front. This property can be bought cheaper today than it ever will again. The most desirable location on the Market for bank or office building. James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate. de 15-1t.

MARKET STREET STORE near the new Atlantic Trust & Banking Company's new building. Pays well as an investment. James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate. de 15-1t.

TO THE LADIES—Special invitation is extended to all the ladies to call and look over my Xmas novelties and candies on Tuesday. Something new; things that have never been shown in this city before. You will never regret a visit to my store and children will be delighted. Plummer's 219 North Front street. Phone 680. de 15-1t*

FOR RENT—A desirable, furnished room, first floor, modern conveniences, use of phone. For further particulars phone 1402. de 15-1t*

WANTED by Jan. 1st, three or four desirable rooms for light housekeeping. "J. D. M.," care Star; 'phone 854. de14-2t*

WANTED—First class white barber; $12 week guaranteed for the right man. Address U. D. Koonce, Fremont, N. C. de14-2t*

WANTED—A first class book-keeper and general office man. Address in own handwriting, stating salary expected and experience. "W. K.," care Star. de14-4t

TEACHERS WANTED—Teachers for rural, graded high schools and colleges for January, including some very desirable openings in Virginia, Carolinas and Georgia. Sheridan Teachers' Agency, Greenwood, S. C. de14-1t*

AN ACTOR secures garments to "fit his part." If you want to play the part of a "gentleman" let Coster clean and press your clothes and you are sure to make a hit. Club rates (to a limited number) of $1.50 for five suits per month. Coster, the Cleanser, 122 Market street; 'phone 148. de14-3t

DRESSED CHICKENS and ducks. We have the very best dressed chickens of season. Also nice fat ducks, dressed; country pig pork, backbone and spare rigs; fresh country butter, 30c.; oysters, Norfolk and New River. Celery, lettuce and cranberries. Black shelled walnuts. Palace Market; 'phone 72. de14-tf

COCOANUT Macaroons is our specialty today, 25c. pound. 'Phone, 626. Farris Bakery. de14-2t

A DOCTOR is wanted in the town of Currie, N. C. Death has removed the only resident physician, and leaves excellent opening for a good doctor to locate here. "Citizens," Currie, N. C. no24-su4t

A NICE LINE of fashionable piece goods in suitings and fancy trouserings. All the latest styles; everything guaranteed, by Leger Meyer, the Practical Tailor; Princess Bldg., Second floor. de1st,su-tf

FOR SALE—Farm of 92 acres, 55 cleared, near Audubon and Winter Park. Will sell as whole or any part to suit. Apply C. H. Bonham, R. F. D. 2, Box 2, Wilmington, N. C. de8,15-2t*

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DOLL HOSPITAL of Surgery.—Heads, eyes, hands, feet; dolls restrung. Operations of all kinds. 311 North Fifth street; 'phone 1794-J. de3,5,8,11,13,18-6t*

PERSON WISHING Tailor-made coat suits and all kinds of dressmaking, call at 311 North Eighth street. All work guaranteed. de12,15-2t*

DRAUGHT HORSE—For sale for cash. Can be seen at Cape Fear Country Club, where full information may be obtained, or call at room 404, Southern Building, or 'phone 240. de12,15,18--3t

WAKE UP! Spread out! Advertise! Multigraph imitation typewritten circulars; cheap as printing; better results. All classes typewriting and notary work. Harriss' Typewriting and Advertising Co., 114 Princess street; 'phone 708. de1-tu.su.th-tf

WANTED—Men and women for government positions, $90 month; rapid advancement; annual vacations, short hours, no layoffs. Common education sufficient. Over 13,000 appointments coming. Influence unnecessary. Send postal immediately for full list of positions open. Franklin Institute, Dept. 288-W, Rochester, N. Y. no15,17,22,24,29; de1,6,8,13,15,20,22 27 29; ja3 5-10t*

WANTED AT ONCE—100 to 500 cords short leaf pine. Address Box 187, Wilmington, N. C. oc31-tf

FOR SALE—Best family horse in town; six years old; guaranteed sound. P. O. Box 412, City. no17-1mo*

YOU WANT the top market for your eggs, poultry, pork, beef or anything you have. Ship to R. B. Moore & Co., wholesale produce, commission merchants, 137 N. Water. oc27-tf

ARE YOU NEXT? If not, you want to get next to the Southern Barber Shop. Moore & Pressley, Props. In rear Southern Hotel office. de10-6t

FOR SALE—Thirty-four (34) shares National Wood Distilling, common, at par. Address P. O. Box 469, City. de10-6t

FOR SALE—Two ponies and outfits, separately or together. Gentle and good stock. One weighs about 400 pounds; other 650. Can furnish satisfactory reason for selling. Apply Crescent Candy Co.; 'Phone 1383. de13-3t

WOOD — For good, well-seasoned dry wood, as well as shingles, laths, cypress and juniper boat lumber, call W. W. Koch Shingle Mill, 'Phone 346. de13-6t*

GROCERY BUSINESS for sale immediately. Must sell by Jan. 1st. Reason for selling, health won't permit continuation of business. "Quick," care Star. de13-3t*

GOOD DINNER—Daily from 12 to 3, 35c.; get everything good to eat any time. Cooking and service unexcelled. Open from 6 A. M. to 12 P. M. Savage & Savage, 5 Princess street. de13-1mo

FOR RENT—Desirable offices in Worth & Worth building; $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00 per month. Fidelity Trust & Development Co., 14 Princess street. de1-13t

PHOTO SHOP — Christmas portraits a specialty. Quality unexcelled. Prices $3.00 to $30.00 dozen. Prompt delivery. Front and Princess Streets; 'phone 864. Dunbar & Hodges, Proprietors. no28-1mo

MORE WOOD—My slab wood is getting very short, now, but "Oh You" oak, ash and pine. Call the same old 'phone, 431, and we will get a wiggle on to deliver your wood. M. H. Croom, Southwest corner Water and Chestnut. del-tf

GUNS OF ALL MAKES — Remingtons, Ithacas, A. H. Fox, Parker, and L. C. Smith, at a bargain at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 16 South Front street. Look for the yellow front. oc3-tf

FOR SALE — Everything good to eat. Quail, turkey, New River and Norfolk oysters, all styles; club sandwiches a specialty. We have the cleanest place in town. Come in. The Everglade. Tom and Frank Shepard. no24-tf

FOR SALE at a bargain. Five-passenger E. M. F. 30 touring car, in good condition and fully equipped. Will sell or exchange for real estate. Address "Bargain," care Star. de5-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of all cars. Electric lights and hot water. Steam heat. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient, $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. de8-1mo

FOR SALE—Practically brand new 5-passenger Studebaker car, completely equipped. Extra tire and tube, top, cover, speedometer, tools. Fidelity Trust Co., 14 Princess street. de12-4t

OAK, PINE, ASH and blackjack, soft and chestnut coal; also lightwood and slabs sawed in foot lengths. Call 'phone 656 for prices. Quick service. Consumers' Wood & Coal Co. no28-tf

CHRISTMAS TREES—Christmas trees, Christmas trees. Will have on next New York steamer Monday, December 16th, a fine lot of Christmas trees. C. B. Bellois, General Produce, 16 North Second street. de12,14,15-3t*

WANTED—Salesman to sell lubricating oils, paints and specialties. Good, live wire can earn big money. Champion Refining Co., Cleveland, O. no24-sa4t

FOR SALE—At rare bargain for quick turn-over, E. M. F. Roadster, Model 1912. Going to be sold at once. Apply 114 Princess street, or 'phone 771. oc23-tf

WANTED TO BUY, in car lots, for cash, red cedar boards or squares. McEwen Lumber Company, Azalea, N. C. no22-1m*

FOR RENT—From October 1st, store and cart house, corner Seventh and Market streets. An old established stand. One of the best in city. Apply to Eduard Ahrens, care Ahrens Bros. se6-tf

BARGAINS in a fine line of Trunks, Suit Cases and Hand Bags. Also in all kinds of unredeemed pledges. Save money and see Uncle Charles, 16 S. Front street. ja3-tf

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There isn't any better thing that you can do or one that it will be more of a continual gratification and benefit than presenting your wife or yourself with a good piece of Wilmington, fast-growing-in-value Real Estate.

We have three tip-top nice new houses on the northwest corner of Second and Harnett streets—splendid renting locality. Very little real cash needed.

At No. 607 North Eighth street is a two-story house on a nice deep lot; also a splendfd renting locality. This pays about 12 per cent. gross and only a few hundred dollars in cash needed. Why not buy this. You cannot find a better investment.

We have seven new houses, over the railroad that rent well—owner has decided to sell. Pays 12 per cent. gross. Loan you the money at 6 per cent. This is worth while, isn't it?

There are two particularly well located lots at Carolina Place—owner wants some money just now, and will sell very reasonably.

Walnut, between Fourth and Fifth streets is a good location. We have a beautiful 66-foot frontage lot here. Would like to show it to you.

There's no reason why you don't make money out of Wilmington Real Estate. We are constantly aiding others to do so, and if you will call and let us show you investments that are real—you will make money also.

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At present there are eight homes to be built this Spring. Then prices rise. Why not buy before the sure raise in price? de 15-1t.

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213 Princess Street. Wilmington, N. C.

Merry Christmas, Indeed

is in the home illuminated with light from such beautiful and convenient fixtures as are to be had here. The beautiful soft light they give, the atmosphere of brightness and cheerfulness are well worth much more than such fixtures cost here. Just come and see them. That's all. A full line of nice portables, pocket lights, toy motors and electric engines, electric irons, and stoves, all the above articles mentioned make useful Christmas presents. Store will be open to 10 o'clock through the holidays.

J. O. BROCK
'Phone 573. 123 Market Street.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

NOVEMBER 26, 1912.

Resources:		Liabilities:	
Loans	$ 960,348.17	Capital	$ 50,000.00
Real Estate and Building Account	73,298.58	Surplus and Profits	108,861.09
Cash and Reserve	62,443.06	Accrued Interest Due Depositors	4,000.00
		Deposits	933,228.72
Total	$1,096,089.81	Total	$1,096,089.81

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C. N. EVANS, President. MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Woodrow Wilson Flour

279 Boxes L. L. Raisins.
111 Boxes Seeded Raisins.
97 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
29 Boxes Brazil Nuts.
72 Boxes Oranges.
67 Bbls Apples.
15 Bbls Stick Candy.
40 Pails Mixed Candy.
61 Pails Love Drops.
37 Pails C. C. Ices.
29 Pails Chocolate Drops.

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Wilmington : : : N. C.

Holiday Goods

100 Barrels Apples.
100 Crates Oranges.
100 Sacks Cocoanuts.
300 Boxes Raisins.
75 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
1500 Pounds Brazil Nuts.
150 Boxes Stick Candy.
75 Boxes Mixed Candy.
50 Tubs Broken Mixed Candy.
25 Pails Crescent Creams.
25 Pails Creamed Peanut.
25 Pails Butter Kisses.
50 Pails Cocoa Ices.
50 10-pound tubs G. M. Butter.
100 20-pound Daisy Cheese.
50 20-pound Golden Rod Cheese.
100 Boxes Assorted Cakes.

All of which will be sold on a close margin and all orders filled promptly.

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RAILROADS WANT MORE PAY

Protest Against Government Reduction for Handling the U. S. Mail. Expends Only $21 to Earn $100.—Expenses.

(N. Y. Journal of Commerce, Dec. 7.)

The "Committee on Railway Mail Pay," representing 268 railroads operating 214,000 miles of line, has just issued this statement regarding the question of mail pay:

"The drastic reductions of recent years afford unanswerable proof that railway mail pay is now too low is the contention of the railroads of the country, according to a statement made public today.

"The committee on railway mail pay is composed of Ralph Peters, chairman (president of the Long Island Railroad); Charles A. Wickersham, president and general manager Western Railway of Alabama; W. W. Baldwin, vice president Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; W. S. Atterbury, vice president Pennsylvania Railroad; Geo. T. Nicholson, vice president Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway; E. J. Pearson, first vice president Missouri Pacific Railway; E. G. Buckland, vice president New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; C. F. Daley, vice president New York Central Lines; W. A. Worthington, assistant director of maintenance and operation of the Union and Southern Pacific systems; W. F. Allen, secretary, and H. T. Newcomb, statistician.

"This committee has recently been making a vigorous answer to the Postmaster General's assertion that the roads receive some $9,000,000 too much mail pay. The carriers say: 'The Congressional Joint Commission to investigate the postal service, which reported on January 14, 1901, is authority for the fact that, at that time, railway mail pay was not excessive. Senator Edward B. Walcott, of Colorado; Senator Thos. S. Martin, of Virginia; Representative Eugene F. Loud, of California; Representative W. H. Moody, of Massachusetts, and Representative T. C. Cutchings, of Mississippi, six of the eight members of the Commission, then united in the following:

"'Upon a careful consideration of all the evidence and the statements and arguments submitted, and in view of all services rendered by the railways, we are of the opinion that "prices now paid to the railroad companies for transportation of the mails are not excessive, and recommend that no reduction thereof be made at this time".'

"Since the Commission reported, the volume of the American mails, the revenue of the American postal service and its demand upon the railways for services and facilities have greatly increased. The costs of supplying railway transportation have also greatly increased. The necessary cost of railway property per unit of service has increased, and in consequence, the amount required as a reasonable return thereon, on account of higher wages and prices, the higher standards of service demanded, and the higher value of the real estate required for extended and necessary terminal plants.

"Operating expenses have grown by reason of repeated advances in rates of wages paid to employes of every grade and increased prices of materials and supplies. Taxes have increased with the rapidly augmenting exactions of State and local governments and the imposition of an entirely new Federal corporation act.

"Yet during this period of rapidly advancing railway expenses, and in spite of the fact that at its commencement the railway mail pay was not excessive, the rates of payment for railway mail services have been subjected to repeated and drastic decreases accomplished both by legislative action and administrative orders. These reductions have so much more than offset the rather doubtful advantages which the railways might be assumed to have obtained from the increased volume of mail traffic that in 1912 they find their mail service more unprofitable than ever before. The following table shows the facts:

Fiscal year.	Total railway mail pay.	Average railway mail pay per $100 of Postal receipts
1901	$38,158,969	$34.18
1904	43,971,486	30.63
1907	49,758,071	27.10
1910	49,405,311	22.04
1911	50,583,123	21.26

"The foregoing shows that the Postoffice Department expended for railway transportation in 1901 $34.18 in order to earn $100 in gross and that by 1911 this expenditure had been reduced 37.8 per cent. to $21.26.

"No one will contend for a moment that there has been any net reduction in the cost of supplying railway mail services and facilities since 1901, the year in which the report of the Joint Commission to investigate the postal service was made. In fact, all changes in railway operating costs, except those due to increased efficiency of organization and management, which can have little, if any, effect in connection with mail traffic, have been in the opposite direction. During the years characterized by these reductions the railways have been called upon continually to improve the character of their postal service and the Postoffice Department will not deny that the railways are now rendering better, more frequent and more expeditious postal service than in 1901, or any intermediate year, and are doing so at greatly increased cost to themselves. In view of these thoroughly substantial facts the drastic reductions of recent years afford unanswerable proof that railway mail pay is now too low."

THE CATTLE TICK

Results Will Be Shown In Pictures at National Corn Exposition

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Columbia, S. C., December 14.—Complete details of the life story of the destructive cattle tick will be depicted in moving picture films at the Fifth National Corn Exposition here next month. Uncle Sam will conduct a moving picture show at the exposition, as one of the numerous features of the elaborate government exhibit, and one entire reel will be devoted to a close, detailed study of the life and habits of this expensive pest, its rapacious methods of obtaining a living and the most effective methods of eradicating it.

The cattle tick film has recently been completed, after two years of research in obtaining pictures. It has been given a preliminary try out before Secretary Wilson and other officials of the department, but its first public appearance wil be reserved for the Fifth National Corn Exposition, which opens January 27th. This reel is highly instructive, and will especially interest the cattle owners of the South, who are estimated to lose annually from $50,000,000 to $100,000,000 through the cattle tick alone. Magnified many times ,the ticks in all stages of growth will crawl upon the screen before the audience.

This reel is supplementary to the cattle-dipping vat—another instructive feature of the department exhibit, at which will be actually demonstrated this most certain, effective and permanent method of eradicating the cattle tick.

Land generally ceases to boom when the assessor heaves in sight.

THE GOSPEL OF GOOD ROADS

American Automobile Association Opens Headquarters In Washington—Federal Aid for Highway Improvement

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New York, December 14.—With the early opening of headquarters at Washington, D. C., by the American Automobile Association, the campaign of the organized motorists of the United States for National Roads takes on new vigor and becaomes centered, properly, at the National capital.

While the principal headquarters of the A. A. A. will remain in New York, the association's policy of promoting the plan of road building by the Federal government has been found to necessitate such close and constant touch with the various Federal agencies involved, including the office of public roads of the Department of Agriculture, the engineering corps of the United States army, the Department of Interior, etc., that it is felt the work can be greatly expedited through the maintenance of a permanent Washington office.

Chairman George C. Diehl, of the A. A. A. National Good Roads Board, advises that the outlook for the National Roads Convention to be held in Washington, March 6th and 7th next, is very promising indeed. Every mail is bringing announcements from every part of the country of the appointment of additional delegates to this convention, and it is already assured that it will be the most widely representative and nationally influential good roads gathering that has yet been held. A very encouraging feature of the convention preparations is the remarkable interest that is being displayed in the National Roads proposal by the great bodies of organized business men who are at present more active than ever before in the development of various sections of the country. Chambers of commerce and boards of trade from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the lakes to the gulf are naming delegates, or have announced their intention to do so, while it is now practically assured that every State will be represented by official delegates named by its Governor.

"In the eleven months that have elapsed since the first Federal Aid Convention was held at Washington, the sentiment in favor of National participation in highway construction has developed to a point where there is no longer any apparent opposition," states Chairman Diehl. "The only question at issue is as to the form which Federal Aid shall take. The 'Gospel of Good Roads' has become as definite an American policy as the right to vote, or trial by jury. No arguments are needed anywhere to convince a farmer, a business man, a manufacturer, a merchant, or anyone else of the essential importance of good roads. The point to which attention must be given now is how to get good roads, and the quickest and best way to get them is for the Federal government to lay out and construct a system of National Roads connecting all States, providing a medium for inter State traffic and furnishing an object lesson to the States, as well as relieving them of the burden of improving the main traveled routes."

The subject of highway improvement will be the dominant one in many State Legislatures which are to meet next month. The "Suggestions for a Model Highway Law," and the "Uniform Automobile Law," prepared by the A. A. A. good roads legmany States by legislators and State islative boards, are being studied in officials, and copies have been requested by several influential leaders who are preparing to make the fight in their Legislatures this Winter for better road and motor laws. It is the policy of the A. A. A. to give every possible aid and encouragement in the upbuilding of State highway systems, while at the same time actively working for a system of National Roads, which is bound to be developed in the course of time.

"MINING CAMP OF '49."

Will be a Feature of 'Frisco Exposition in Year 1915.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Riotous in color and action, a "mining camp of '49" promises to be one of the chief attractions at the Panama-Pacific Exposition here in 1915. The concession which entails an expenditure of $100,000, was granted yesterday to Sam Davis, friend of Mark Twain and of Flood, Mackay and other bonanza kings in the early Comstock days. Historic stage coaches, among them the one in which Horace Greeley made his famous ride through the Sierras, will take visitors direct from hotels to the acmp on the fair grounds.

TWENTY THOUSAND TURKEYS.

Texas Town Enjoys Unique "Trot" in Exhibition of Poultry.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 14.—One of the most unique among this year's celebrations in Texas was the Turkey Trot held during the latter part of November in the City of Cuero, county sent of Dewitt county, in southwest Texas. Twenty thousand turkeys varying in size from five to thirty pounds, marched through the streets of that city. The turkey column extended more than three blocks, the 100-foot streets being filled completely from building line to building line. Governor Colquitt, of Texas, led the parade and several bands played "turkey trot" music, the strains of which seemed to inspire many of the birds to strut along with majestic stride as though recognizing that the eyes of the world were on them. In the forefront of the column several majestic peacocks vied with a number of imposing toms in the performance of turkey trots, giving additional color to the event and arousing much enthusiasm. Their hoarse and discordant calls mingled with the "gobble, gobble" of the turkeys, at times almost drowning the music of the bands.

The turkey trot was held in recognition of the tremendous growth of the turkey and poultry raising industry in Southwest Texas during the last few years. This is the natural home of the turkey and formerly many thousands of them grew wild in the bottom lands, but with the increase of civilization the wild birds have been driven into remote portions of the State. The great coastal plains of Texas, where green food may be raised every month in the year, where the turkeys and chickens may live in the open all the time and where there are large ranges especially suitable for raising them. During the last few years Dewitt county has shipped out hundreds of carloads of turkeys; during the Winter months they are sent out by the trainload, and the people of that and adjacent counties well may be proud of the industry.

A patent has been granted a Kansan for a combined wash bench and ironing table that can be folded into compact form when not in use.

"No Place for a Minister's Son"

A rattling good comedy of college life at the Grand Theatre tomorrow. It is an Edison. (Advertisement.)

Fruit cake 25c. lb., Farris Bakery. 'Phone 626. (Advertisement.)

GOSSIP OF FOREIGN CAPITALS

England Still Discussing the Olympian Games—British Navy—Royal Sports in Germany—Other News Notes.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—P. J. Baker, the Cambridge athlete, has undertaken the defense of the American methods of training for the Olympic games, which have come in for so much condemnation in England since the Olympiad at Stockholm, and he also defends the Americans against the charges of fouling their opponents, which have been so freely made.

"For months," he says, "our papers have been full of articles proving (always without evidence) that the American runners were guilty of every foul in the calendar. Mr. Lehmann was the first to formulate in its completeness the doctrine of the divine right of the amateur not to train. The argument is this: No team can win the Olympic games without training similar to that indulged in by the Americans; such training is professional in nature and in spirit; it reduces the games to the level of commercial enterprise; we cannot undertake it without degrading what has always been for us a 'splendidly rough and ready' sport into a business which is inconsistent with our high ideals of amateurism; and, therefore, O shades of county cricket secretaries, we will affront the German nation by withdrawing from the competition at Berlin.

"Far be it from me to be offensive. But I find it difficult to drive from my thoughts the offensive words 'ignorance' and 'cant.'

"Every single feature of the American method can be found in an advanced stage of perfection in the organization of English rowing or English cricket or English football. Who specializes more than an English oarsman? Who invented the professional coach but the English cricketer? What English country cricket club has not its paid organizers? Mr. Lehmann knows that there is no sporting event in the world over which more trouble is taken, more time 'wasted' and more money expended than the inter-varsity boat race. It is a 'business' if any amateur event ever was. It is not

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NOW—THEN

The Christmas Store Is Ready!

As is our wont at this season of the year, we have assembled, in advance of the great Christmas rush, an unusually complete and handsome line of goods for the holidays. The painstaking care that has characterized our business in the past was exercised in the purchase of our Christmas stock, and only gifts of quality and beauty are found here.

A Six-months' search of the great wholesale markets has produced a fascinating gathering of holiday goodness, and every piece was purchased with the one idea of maintaining the reputation we have built for our business, and with the satisfaction of knowing that we could confidently place our name on every package to go out of our store, with its usual significance—THAT NOTHING SHORT OF THE BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR OUR CUSTOMERS.

No attempt can be made here to give descriptions—other than to assure fac-similes of all the last-moment styles of gold, silver and platinum wrought jewelry, with and without jewel settings. To select from, we mention just a few articles:

GOLD AND JEWELED WATCHES,
LA VALLIERRES AND PENDANTS,
BAR PINS, PLAIN AND STONE SET,
JEWELED LOCKETS,
THIMBLES AND CROSSES,
EAR RINGS AND BROOCHES,
PEARL ROPES AND NECK CHAINS,
SEED PEARL JEWELRY,
BRACELET WATCHES,

BRUSHES, COMBS AND MIRRORS,
PHOTO FRAMES AND HAT PINS,
BELT PINS AND SLIPPER BUCKLES,
MESH BAGS AND VANITY CASES,
GOLD BEADS AND ORIENTAL PEARLS,
CUFF LINKS AND SCARF PINS,
TOILET WARE, MILITARY BRUSHES,
TIE CLIPS AND FOBS,
CIGAR AND CIGARETTE CASES.

We may suggest diamonds and pearls, bracelets and necklaces, watches of every description, silverware, and the myriad of dainty creations in all precious metals—but they must be seen to be appreciated. Better that you come to our store and enjoy the pleasure of a personal inspection. We are pleased to have you do this, and consider it a privilege to give you unlimited time in assisting in the matter of selections. Whether you come for a 25c. or a $500 purchase, our best service will be given you, with the assurance that you will not be at any disadvantage in dealing at this store.

DIAMONDS.

You will have to see our display to fully appreciate the great diamond values we are offering for the Christmas season. Every stone we show was purchased before the recent advance in prices, and we are giving our customers the advantage. You could not give a gift more appreciated than a diamond. The purchase of a diamond today is an investment. Here you will find just the one you want, mounted in a most artistic setting, at the price you want to pay.

CAMEO JEWELRY.

This beautiful jewelry which was a fad many years ago, is becoming more fashionable and popular every season. You will find in our stock only the most artistic stones, perfectly carved. They make excellent gifts because of their exclusiveness and individuality.

WATCHES.

Is there a watch on your Christmas list? Then be sure you don't buy a mere "time piece." Our line is complete, embracing the best American movements in all grades of gold and filled cases, and are fully guaranteed, both by ourselves and the makers.

UMBRELLAS.

Nothing could be more appropriate for one of your gifts. Our line includes the latest models in beautifully engraved handles, and the material throughout is of the highest standard obtainable.

Our showing of rings covers every style imaginable, with both precious and semi-precious settings.

A.O.SCHUSTER

CUT GLASS.

Our line is elaborate and complete, embracing bowls, vases, nappies, jewel cases, puff boxes, dishes, etc., and many other things that make admirable gifts.

STERLING SILVER.

Our line is both complete and extraordinarily beautiful, including all the pieces generally carried in such a line and many not to be found elsewhere in the city. The patterns are all this season's—nothing old.

We also have an elegant display of highest grade silver plated ware, and are showing some exceptionally attractive toilet and manicure sets in this ware.

INFANT TOILERS IN GOTHAM

Factory Workers in Cradle Age—Motor Traffic Chokes Thoroughfare. Toe Nails and Sermons—Alligators in Pawnshop.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New York, Dec. 14.—The revelations about baby factory workers in tenements in the metropolis brought out at the hearings of the State Factory Investigating Commission have shocked New York and cast a damper over much of the joyousness of this holiday season. One investigator, a woman physician, actually found an infant 18 months old, working at the manufacture of artificial flowers.

A child of three was found working on corset covers. Four-year-old workers apparently are not uncommon. The work is done in the tenement homes and frequently the children are compelled to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning and toil until far into the night. One family of such toilers, consisting of a mother and four children, secured a combined income of between $5 and $6 a week. Many of the child workers are diseased. Tuberculosis was found by one investigator in about a third of the families. It is believed that as a result of the hearings stringent laws will be passed regulating home factory work in tenements and there is a possibility that such work may be altogether abolished.

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The transition of lower Fifth avenue from a residence to a business street has made the stretch of ten blocks between the Waldorf and Delmonico's the most crowded thoroughfare in the world for vehicle traffic. In spite of the fact that all business cartage has been banished from the avenue and the traffic regulations are admirable, the congestion has become so acute that it takes one of the omnibuses over half an hour to journey one mile during the crowded hours of the day and even a private motor car consumes about 15 minutes. The Fifth avenue association, an organization of property owners and merchants along the thoroughfare, has been keeping tabs on the traffic with the idea of finding some solution for the problem, but up to the present time no satisfactory plan has been evolved. The crowded period begins at 9 o'clock in the morning and continues until 6 o'clock. Between these hours 20,000 vehicles, practically all motor cars, pass a given point. The worst tangle of traffic occurs between 4 and 5 o'clock, when as many as 4,172 vehicles have been counted passing along the avenue at 42nd street.

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A toenail—that is, a New York lady's toenail—is worth $83.33 1-3, or three for $250, according to the New York courts. Mrs. Anna Elliott was tipped over in a taxicab, lost a shoe, damaged a stocking and was parted from three toenails for the term of her life on this earth. So she sued for $2,500 damages. The jury expressed sympathy for the loss of the shoe and stocking, but ruled them out of the count and cut down the bill by 90 per cent. As a result a list of "What's Worth What" has been compiled from recent court decisions. It runs: Toes, woman's $4,480; man's, three for $2,000; arms, woman's, disfigured, (pair) $500; squeezed $1,000; legs, man's, pair $38,000; scalp, woman's lost, $4,200; ankles, woman's $3,000 to $20,000 each; fingers, man's $18,000 for four; hands, man's right $9,666; shoulders, woman's right injured, $1,000; eyes, man's right $1,284; operas, $750 apiece (manuscripts, not matinees); fiances (male) $28,828 each; sermons 98 cents, or 312 for $300.

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Woman's sphere may be in the home, as has been sometimes reported in the papers, or of course it may not. In any case, woman's sphere has just had an awful bulge put into it at the point in New York where some 12 stories of modern steel architecture go up 150 feet nearer to Heaven than the neighboring sidewalk. For the new National home of the Young Women's Christian Association is surely safely inside of woman's sphere, and the building is said to be with one exception the biggest structure in America that is devoted to women's organizations. Already the association—the 'Y' 'W'—as its friends familiarly know it—has a local home as big as an opera house in the block between 15th and 16th streets. But the new building at Lexington avenue and 52nd street is first of all a National headquarters, sheltering the officers of the National organization, the foreign bureaus, the training school for future secretaries, the publication rooms of the "Association Monthly" the organ of the association, and provisions for instructing and welcoming miscellaneous callers from out of town. A friendly observer who inspected the Capitol of American maidenhood when it was formally opened the other day, reported, "They've got a whole lot of latticed bunks in the cellar." She explained later that the latticed bunks were not for guests, but for guests' luggage. There is an assembly room, of course, an exhibition of "Y. W." work which gives continuous performances, a restaurant and a dormitory for the young women who are students at the training school. A man, it is said, has been appointed to come into the cellar and stoke the furnaces and tuck the trunks away at night in their little latticed bunks.

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Something very much like a disturbance broke out just across Longacre Square the other day, when a man wandered into a pawnshop about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and pulled a live alligator out of his overcoat pocket. Residents of the neighborhood who were out for a walk to brace themselves up before breakfast turned—some of them looked and some ran. To the pawnshop man's natural question the visitor replied with a rich English accent that he "wished to pledge the blawsted beasties," and then produced a basket with two more. There was a crowd outside by this time; a respectful crowd, a silent crowd, a before-breakfast crowd of Tenderloiners; in which no man opened his mouth to ask if what he saw there was what there was to see. It was only a few weeks ago that a dog ran through the Waldorf bar with an eel wound three times around him and the water wagon is still groaning under the increased load. At any rate, the Englishman laid out his three young alligators on the counter and demanded the right to put them "in hock." The pawnbroker hesitated, saw the crowd, judged that his reputation was at stake, and called up the Central Park Zoo. He was told that the reptiles were worth about $10 apiece and he thereupon loaned the Englishman $15 and stowed the gators away among the stock. At 4 o'clock when the crowd had gone off to get breakfast over, the pawnbroker called up the Zoo again. He said that for the last hour he had been more unpopular than any pawnbroker had ever been from the beginning of the world, which he thought was some unpopularity. The alligators had taken kindly to the warmth of the shop and had invented a game of tag, which they played on happily to the detriment of business in the shop and the environing bars. In response to his appeal, Bill Snyder, the head keeper at the Zoo, sent down a man who brought the "blawsted beasties" up to the city's reptile house to board for a while. It is said that they are the first live alligators known to have been pawned since the Roman amphitheatres went out of business.

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The latest project for a New York park is the rather staggering proposition that the city take over the site of the Equitable building which burned last Winter and make it into an open square. The land is valued at $15,000,000 and is hardly big enough for boys to play five-old-cat in without breaking somebody's windows. But it is in the heart of down-town New York, one block from Wall Street and the hole where the old Equitable building stood has proved a welcome source of light to many offices where the sunlight had not fallen since long before the Spanish War. That the park plan will go through at any such cost, when a single million of the money would give playgrounds to four or five hundred thousand children who now play in the streets, is doubtful. But it brings up the curious fact that a little more than a century ago there was actually a garden on the same ground. About 1688 Philip Stoutenberg owned the whole site, and there he established a garden where he raised tulip bulbs to sell to his Dutch neighbors. —LONGACRE.

NEWBERN BOY'S WIRELESS

Achievement of Parkhill Jarvis in the Realm of Science

(Christian Science Monitor.)

The town of Newbern, N. C., is not a little proud of the wireless achievements of one of its boys, Parkhill Jarvis, who has attracted the attention of experts in that line of telegraphy. The Christian Science Monitor in October gave a brief account of his work; today it prints a picture of his operating room.

Young Jarvis is not inclined to speak much of what he has accomplished, but the plant installed by the young wireless operator is regarded as a rather remarkable accomplishment. The boy not only set up his station but he made the intricate parts of the apparatus.

The wireless room of the Newbern youth is fitted with every appliance essential to perfect service. He has even posted on the wall the warning sign, "Do Not Talk to the Operator." There is also a warning that it will prove an unpleasant experience to get in touch with certain parts of the instrument, since there is an elecaric current of 25,000 volts.

In this connection it may be of interest to refer to the fact that when the new marine regulation, passed recently by Congress, goes into effect on December 16th, seagoing craft of every description which carry passengers from ports of the United States will be required to have standardized wireless outfits on board and at least two operators licensed by the Department of Commerce and Labor, who shall be in constant attendance at their instruments while a vessel is at sea.

The Department of Commerce and Labor, which has supervision over vessels leaving and entering American ports, has made arrangements with the Navy Department for the holding of examinations at which candidates applying for wireless licenses shall be examined. These tests are held at regular intervals at nearly all of the naval land stations and many of the army posts in the West, but the majority of them at the wireless training station of the United States navy in the New York Navy Yard.

The test for candidates in the service, as well as for those who seek operators' licenses, includes practical illustration of ability to send and to receive by ear at a speed of not less than 20 words a minute. These questions also are included:

Name and describe the type of spark gap with which you are familiar.

What is the most common cause for the breakdown of condensers? Can you describe a means for protecting condensers from breakdown?

Describe in detail the adjustment of a transmitter for a certain wave length (at 600 meters), so that only a single hump will be present (state whether direct or inductively coupled set is used). Under what conditions could a single hump not be obtained?

Why are transmitting condensers sometimes connected with two banks in series? What change would have to be made before these could be safely replaced by the same capacity with jars all in parallel?

Make elementary sketch of transmitting set with which you are familiar, showing all apparatus from power source to antennae.

Suppose your spark suddenly stopped when you were sending, name the probable source of trouble and describe how you would test for each.

There are 290,000 depositors in 12,773 postoffices of the postal savings bank system of the United States, having on deposit about $28,000,000. Funds are received in 7,357 banks.

Could Shout for Joy.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice, and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at R. R. Bellamy.

(Advertisement.)

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done in a business spirit—of course not, but nor will the English training for the next Olympiad be done in a business spirit.

"England will win the Olympic games when she is prepared to provide more running tracks, more genuine and serious competition."

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Winston Spencer Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, himself a young man to have reached the position he occupies in the British cabinet, has set about making the British navy a young man's navy. In the list of recent command appointments the plums have fallen to the comparatively younger man, the combined ages of the newly appointed officers totalling 776 years as compared with the 815 of their predecessors. The oldest man appointed to these commands was Vice Admiral Egerton, aged 60, who succeeds Admiral May, aged 63, as commander-in-chief at Plymouth. The other fortunate officers are all some years younger than Admiral Egerton, and succeed men all of whom are some years their seniors. His aim is to enable men to reach positions of the highest responsibility while they are in the prime of life.

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As the number of cotton mills increase in Lancashire the millers find a greater difficulty in getting operatives. It is not only that more hands are required, but there is a growing dislike among the girls to work in the mills. They make much higher wages than do their sisters who enter shops or the office, but object to wearing clogs and shawls while the other girls go to and from their work in costumes brightly trimmed hats, and gloves and shoes. With their $5 weekly, compared with the few shillings of the shop girl, they can afford and do have finery, but having to clean their machines, cannot wear it at their work. The mill owners have been threatening to import foreign labor, and it is to prevent this that an agitation has been started to improve the working conditions of the girls.

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With the transfer of the larger part of European Turkey to the Balkan allies a certainty, Lancashire cotton spinners, and in fact manufacturers all over the country, are beginning to wonder what effect it will have upon trade.

The cotton men fear that the effect will be bad and have urged the government to press for the maintenance of the open door in the Balkans. Turkey, a good customer of the cotton mills, only places a duty of 11 per cent. on all goods, while Bulgaria imposes duties varying from 30 to 75 per cent. Besides Bulgaria already does a certain amount of cotton spinning and manufacturing and will doubtless want to encourage the growth of it by further increasing the duty on imported goods.

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Royal Hunters.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—There is grim slaughter of the beasts when royalty goes hunting. The report of the recent hunt of Emperor William and Franz Ferdinand of Austria discloses this.

In one hour and 50 minutes the future Austrian Emperor brought down 96 animals, which included 39 wild hogs, six shovel-antlered elk and bucks and roes. The Emperor, who let the best specimens pass his stand so that his imperial guest could shoot them, made 44 killings.

Such of the bag as does not find it way to the royal tables is sold to game handlers, and the patriotic German has a chance to buy cutlets from a buck which, as a placard fastened above it proclaims, was "brought down by His Majesty, the Emperor."

Reports from the hunt praise Franz Ferdinand's marksmanship highly. He rarely missed, it is declared, and most of his game was shot in the shoulder.

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The largest organ in the world is claimed for the new St. Michael's church, which was recently dedicated at Hamburg in the presence of the Emperor. It is over 57 feet high and is divided into five stories. Its largest pipe is 37 feet long, has a diameter of 21 inches, and weighs nearly 1,200 pounds. The smallest pipe is 1 1-5 inches long. The organ is played on five different keyboards, each containing 61 keys; and it has 32 pedals. There are more than 1,000 stops and buttons for controlling the tones. Two electrical motors, each of five horsepower, supply the air pressure.

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The city of Cologne has just announced an exhibition for the year 1915 to be called "The Child". It will undertake to make a systematic display of everything connected with the bodily and mental improvement of babies and very young children. It is planned on a large scale.

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The authorities of the government district of Metz have been impressed for some time by the great quantities of vipers brought to them by Lorraine peasants, who claimed and received the bounty on them. For several Sundays in succession more than 30 vipers were brought in for the reward, and an investigation was made. It was rewarded by the discovery that the enterprising peasants had been breeding the reptiles.

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German military men are still discussing the causes of Turkey's military breakdown. Major Gen. Imhof, who spent some years as military instructor in Turkey, says that Turkey did not posses an army in the modern sense at the time of the revolution of 1909; and the time since then was too short to completely transform the army according to modern military principles. Moreover, army reform was hindered and delayed by uprisings in Yemen and Albania, and by the war in Tripoli, as well as by divergencies of views in the officers' corps.

Another cause was that the army lost its old homogeneity of race and religion through the enlistments from the non-Mohammedan population. These extraneous elements felt no interest in maintaining the Ottoman Empire, and proved untrustworthy for serious military operations. The demoralization of the officers' corps by the spread of political agitation is assigned as another cause. The intrigues of the officers undermined their authority and weakened discipline. The Young Turk officers are doubtless men of good intentions, but they weakened the army in trying to introduce West European ideas into a country not yet ripe for them.

Half understood Occidental phrases took the place of the old religious expressions that had aroused the strength of the old Turkish army.

There were also military mistakes in the conduct of the war itself, with both the higher and the lower officers; and there had been grave sins of omission before the war broke out.

Moreover, the instructions given the soldiers in battle as to firing, distance and other matters appear to have been very defective; and the artillery officers failed to take advantage of the topographical features of the country in placing their batteries.

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STATEMENT CONDITION

The Murchison National Bank

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.,

At the Close of Business November 26th, 1912.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	$4,326,202.83
U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	73,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	147,317.80
Cash and Due by Banks	1,459,710.18
	$6,557,230.51

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	$ 825,000.00
Surplus and Net Profits	527,843.13
Circulation	550,000.00
Special Deposit, U. S. Bonds	100,000.00
Deposits	4,554,787.38
	$6,557,630.51

DEPOSITS:

November 26th, 1908	$2,971,810.82
November 26th, 1910	4,144,960.07
November 26th, 1912	4,554,787.38

H. C. McQUEEN . . . President
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AMENDED NOTICE.

$550,000.00

State of North Carolina

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Dated January 1st, 1913, payable January 1st, 1953, without prior option. Interest four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually January 1st and July 1st. Both principal and interest payable at the National Park Bank, New York city. The undersigned State Treasurer will receive sealed bids at his office in Raleigh, North Carolina, for said bonds until 12 o'clock, M., Tuesday, December 17th, 1912, on blank forms which will be furnished, together with full information, by the undersigned or Caldwell, Masslich & Reed, attorneys, 100 Broadway, New York, whose favorable opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

These bonds are tax exempt in North Carolina and must be deducted in appraising shares in banks for taxation to the extent that the surplus of the bank is invested therein.

B. R. LACY,
Dec. 2, 1912. State Treasurer.
no 17-20-24 de 1-4-8-11-15.

ENTRY NO. 9129.

State of North Carolina, New Hanover County.

I hereby enter and lay claim to the following tract of vacant land in the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, in Federal Point Township: Beginning at Stephen Key's and R. B. Freeman's corner at a stake 47 East 48 poles to a lightwood stump the North corner of Peter Maxwell's tract of land; thence South 25 West with the said Peter Maxwell's West line to the South corner in said line; thence about West to the Freeman line, and with said line about North to the beginning, containing Twenty (20) acres, more or less.

This, the 27th day of November, 1912.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS.

Entered and filed this 27th day of November, 1912.

JOHN HAAR,
Register of Deeds and Acting Entry Taker.
no28-30d

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late J. M. Meyland, of the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned, duly verified and proven, on or before the 13th day of November, 1913, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

J. W. MEYLAND,
Administrator Estate J. M. Meyland.
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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS

—VIA—

NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY

On sale December 13th to 25th, and December 31st and January 1st, limited to January 6th, 1913.

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SPECIAL TERM SUPERIOR COURT.

A special two weeks term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, for the trial of civil causes, has been called an ordered by the Governor of the State to convene in the Court House in Wilmington on Monday, January 6th, 1913.

M. S. WILLARD, Chairman.
Board of Commissioners, New Hanover County.
(Dispatch copy.)
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U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 12, 1912.—Sealed proposals for dredging in Pamlico and Tar Rivers, N. C., will be received at this office until 12 M., Jan. 11, 1913, and then publicly opened. Information on application. H. W. Stickle, Maj. Eng'rs.

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NEW SOUTHERN ENTERPRISES

Big Lumber Deal In Florida—Other Industrial Undertakings in Dixie As Reported to Baltimore Manufacturers' Record

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, December 14.—Among the many Southern industrial and other developmental enterprises reported in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record, are the following:

William S. Keyser, Pensacola, Fla., and associates, purchased 147,000 acres of Calhoun county timber land near Port St. Jo, Fla., for $1,000,000 and will build mill of 75,000 feet daily capacity to develop the timber which is estimated to cut 450,000,000 feet, exclusively of small timber.

Norton Coal Mining Co., Nortonville, Ky., was incorporated with a capital stock of $300,000.

W. W. Jones and J. C. Baldwin purchased 40-acre site at Corpus Christi, Texas, to build a cottonseed oil mill and cotton compress to cost $125,000.

Kentucky Utilities Co., recorded mortgage for $5,000,000 covering light and water plants at Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Shelbyville, Versailles, Somerset and Elizabethtown, Ky., reported as to make improvement.

Adler Brothers, Birmingham, are reported as to open new mines on Corona Coal Company's property at an estimated expenditure of $100,000.

Bondurant Coal & Coke Co., Pennington Gap, Va., purchased Dominion Coal Company's property near St. Charles, Va., for $55,000 and will install additional machinery to increase monthly capacity from 100,000 to 200,000 tons of coal.

Knickerbocker Cold Storage Warehouse Co., Columbia, S. C., was incorporated with a capital stock of $50,000 to establish refrigerating plant.

Lacour Planting Co., Lacour, La., was incorporated with capital stock of $500,000.

University Land Co., Fort Worth, Texas, was incorporated with capital stock of $250,000.

Shenandoah Valley Orchard Co., Grottoes, Va., was incorporated with capital stock of $200,000 and have purchased 759 acres of apple orchards.

Romney Consolidated Orchards Co., Romney, W. Va., was incorporated with capital stock of $150,000 to develop orchard properties in Hampshire, Mineral and Morgan counties.

Ashlock Door & Window Guard Co., Birmingham, was incorporated with capital stock of $100,000.

Standard Ultra Marine Co., O. T. Frick, president, Tiffin, Ohio, will establish plant at Huntington, W. Va., to cost about $100,000.

Wendell Knitting Mill Co., Wendell, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $20,000.

Pecule's Cotton Oil Co., Sulphur Springs, Texas, was incorporated with capital stock of $50,000.

Kentucky Metal Products Co., Louisville, was incorporated with capital stock of $30,000.

St. Petersburg Ornamental Stone & Brick Co., St. Petersburg, Fla., was incorporated with capital stock of $15,000 to establish a plant of 10,000 bricks daily capacity.

Friez Fork Coal Co., was organized by Michigan capitalists to develop 800 acres of coal land in Logan county, W. Va.

Haldey Manufacturing Co., New Orleans, La., was incorporated with capital stock of $25,000 to manufacture a sugar cane harvester.

Metal Culvert Co., Salisbury, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $50,000 to build plant.

Preston Fuel Co., Cedartown, W. Va., was incorporated with capital stock of $300,000 to operate in Preston County.

Light Draft Plow Attachment Co., Greenville, S. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $50,000.

Johnson & Johnson, Raleigh, N. C., will construct brick plant, of 100,000 daily capacity, to cost $50,000.

Middle States Coal & Coke Co., of Columbus, Ohio, will develop 1,500 acres of coal land on Laurel Creek near Olmstead, W. Va.

M. G. Simpson, engineer, Ballinger, Texas, completed report and recommends construction of dam across Colorado river for irragiton; estimates 9,400 acres required for reservoir and dam site; main canal 60 feet wide, 8 feet deep and 40 miles long, with 30 miles main laterals; also estimates there will be a run-off of 640,000-acre feet, sufficient to irrigate 300,000 acres, cost will aggregate $785,406.06; enterprise will be financed by incorporating independent irrigation district and issuing $750,000 of bonds.

Southland Cotton Farms Co., Jacksonville, Fla., was incorporated with a capital stock of $600,000.

Cumberland Stave & Heading Co., Livingston, Tenn., was incorporated with capital stock of $35,000.

The huge painting required as scenes for theatres are now, according to an article in The Scientific American, painted with the canvas lying flat on the floor, instead of as formerly, in an upright position. In this way the work can be done much more rapidly. The colors used are in powdered form, a barrel to each color.

LOW EXCURSION RATES via ATLANTIC COAST LINE account CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Reduced rate Round Trip tickets will be on sale at all stations on the Atlantic Coast Line to all points south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers, including Washington, D. C.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Evansville, Ind., for all trains on December 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1—limited returning, to reach original starting point returning not later than midnight of January 6, 1913.

For further particulars, schedules, rates, reservations, etc., apply to Atlantic Coast Line Ticket Agents, or address,

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HIDES AND SKINS.

Interesting Figures on Importations for Calendar Year 1912.

Importation of hides and skins in the year which ends with December, will exceed that of any earlier year. The quantity imported in the calendar year 1912 will be about 600 million pounds and the value about 120 million dollars, against 300 million pounds valued at 59 million dollars in 1904, both quantity and value having thus doubled in less than a decade.

This increase in importation of hides and skins, while due in part to increased activity among the manufacturers of the country, is also, in some degree, the result of a reduction in the number of cattle slaughtered in the United States, since the live stock receipts at the principal slaughtering centers were in 1911 and 1912, respectively, about 10 per cent. below the average of the years immediately preceding.

The whole world is contributing to these requirements of American manufacturers of leather, the import figures of the statistical division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce showing kangaroo skins from Australia; fish skins from Canada; buffalo hides from Egypt, India and China; horse skins from Russia, Germany and France; pig skins from Germany, Mexico and South America; sheep skins from scores of countries; goat skins from every grand division of the globe and including 70 different countries and colonies; and hides of cattle from practically every country of the world, but especially from our Latin American neighbors—Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador.

Of the 100 million dollars' worth of hides and skins imported into the United States in the 10 months ended with October, 20 million dollars' worth was goat skins, nine million dollars' worth sheep skins, one and one-half million dollars' worth buffalo hides, one and one-half million dollars' worth horse and ass skins, 27 million dollars' worth calf skins, and 38 million dollars' worth hides of cattle. The quantity of fish skins imported is comparatively small, though in some years the total aggregates nearly a half million pounds. They are utilized in some instances, for making gloves and upper leather, in others, in the manufacture of purses and suspenders, and in still others, for polishing or as a substitute for sand paper in cabinet making.

About one-half of the hides and skins imported are paid for in leather and manufactures of leather exported. The total value of leather and manufactures thereof exported in the 10 months ended with October was 53 1-2 million dollars; against 100 million dollars' worth of hides and skins imported; during the 10 years ending with 1911, the value of leather and manufactures thereof exported aggregates 460 million dollars, against 795 million dollars' worth of hides and skins imported during the same period. The leather exportations go to all parts of the world, especially those in the form of boots and shoes, which went last year to no less than 90 countries and colonies representing every grand division of the globe.

ASPARAGUS GROWING.

Careful Methods to Keep Rust From the Plant.

Breeders and growers of asparagus are advised by the United States Department of Agriculture through Bulletin 263, Bureau of Plant Industry, to take up pedigree breeding and to use careful methods of production in order to keep rust from the plant. On the subject the bulletin says:

"Although the breeding work carried on with asparagus will eventually lead to the control of rust in commercial plantings, several years must elapse before this result will become effective. Meanwhile it is necessary to take all measures practicable to prevent destruction of existing fields of asparagus by the rust. To this end the main factor is to keep the rust away from the fields in Summer just as long as possible.

"Wild asparagus growing around the borders of the fields, along fences, and ditches is one of the worst enemies of the grower. These wild plants act as infection centers and their influence can be easily traced later in the season when the cutting beds have grown up. Wild plants wherever found should be dug up and burned. New beds should be planted at only rare intervals of time and then if possible where they will be to windward of a cutting bed. Keep the seedlings out of the cutting bed, at least let none stay in at the time the bed is allowed to grow up after the cutting season. Allow no poor shoots to grow up in the cutting field. Keep down every shoot of asparagus until the middle of June and see the neighboring farmers do the same. In the Fall the tops should be removed carefully from one-year-old beds that are not to be cut the next year. This will in a large measure reduce the liability of infection from this source."

Mrs. Belvin Ann Lockwood, candidate for President on the Equal Rights party ticket in 1884, and the first woman admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court, has just celebrated her 82 birthday at her home in Washington.

If you don't know where to get Red Cross Christmas Seals, ask some one.

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OLD AGE DEFERRED

Echo From the Medico-Legal Society

A few generations back a man at 50 was considered old, gray-bearded, and waiting for death. Note the change today; at a meeting of the Medico-Legal Society it was stated that a man of 50 ought to have forty good years ahead of him and, thus at ninety be in the fulness of maturity.

What if you have seen sixty, or even seventy birthdays—temperate habits, fresh air and exercise, with a simple diet and a sufficient amount of sleep will guard your health.

If perchance, your circulation is poor, if you become run-down—weak and no appetite—nothing in the world will tone up those tired bac sliding organs—enrich the blood and create strength so quickly as our delicious cod liver and iron tonic Vinol.

We ask every feeble, discouraged old person in this vicinity to try Vinol on our agreement to return their money if it fails to give satisfaction.—Robert R. Bellamy, druggist, Wilmington, N. C.

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IMPORTATION OF LUXURIES

Million Dollars a Day Being Brought Into United States

Importation of luxuries into the United States is now running at the rate of a million dollars a day. Of course, the term "luxuries" is an elastic one and its applicability determined, to some extent, by the viewpoint from which used; but it is at least a fact that during the month of October, 1912, the imports included 14 million dollars' worth of art works; five million dollars' worth of tobacco, cigars, and other smokers' materials; four million dollars' worth of diamonds and other precious stones; four million dollars' worth of laces and embroideries; over a million dollars' worth of feathers, natural and artificial; more than a million dollars' worth of decorated china; over a million dollars' worth of toys; nearly a million dollars' worth of champagne, cordials, liquors, and other articles of this class; nearly a million dollars' worth of cabinet woods, of which mahogany formed the principal part, and sundry other articles usually considered as luxuries, bringing the total imports of this class of materials for the month of October up to 32 million dollars.

While the heavy importation of articles of this character naturally occurs during the closing months of the year, the figures of October are exceptionally high, probably the highest on record as regards importations of luxuries, this being due in a considerable degree to the unprecedented importation of art works, this single item having amounted to practically 14 million dollars in the month of October, against 4 1-2 million dollars in October of last year; while for the 10 months ended with October the total importation of art works was 49 million dollars, against 18 1-2 million in the corresponding months of 1911 and 14 million in the corresponding months of 1910.

These high figures for October and the accumulated months ended with October suggest that the imports of articles which may fairly be classed as luxuries will probably aggregate 250 million dollars in the calendar year, 1912. Of this sum art works will, according to the latest estimate of the Statistical Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, approximate 70 million dollars; precious stones, between 40 and 50 million dollars; laces and embroideries, between 40 and 50 million; cigars, cigarettes and other articles for use of smokers, between 40 and 50 million; and numerous other articles of less value, including toys, approximately 9 million dollars; champagne, about 5 million dollars; feathers, natural and artificial (chiefly ostrich feathers), about 10 million dollars; beads and bead ornaments, a couple of million dollars; automobiles, a couple of million dollars; and perfumies and cosmetics, nearly 2 million dollars.

All the world profits by this distribution, for luxuries, of 250 million dollars a year of American money. Of the art works imported, of course the bubk come from Europe, most of them the product of labor performed many years ago, since a very large proportion of the art works now being imported are 20 years old or over and a considerable share 100 years old and over. The forty-odd million dollars' worth of diamonds and other precious stones imported, though chiefly drawn from Europe, are in most cases the product of South Africa; and this is true also of the several million dollars' worth of ostrich feathers imported. Of the forty-odd million dollars' worth of tobacco, sigars and cigarettes imported, the largest single contributor is Cuba, though probably 10 million dollars' worth of the total originates in the Dutch East Indies, half way round the globe, and considerable quantities in the Near Orient, chiefly Turkey in Europe, Asia and Africa. Of the forty-odd million dollars' worth of laces and embroideries imported, a very large proportion is from Europe.

Here is the origin of the expression "O. K." according to Ado Hunnins of Leavenworth, Kan., a veteran of the Civil War. "Among the supplies that the War Department used to buy," Mr. Hunnius says, "were crackers made by the old Orris-Kendal Cracker Company, in Chicago. The boxes in which these crackers came were marked O. K. We were always eager to get hold of these O. K. crackers, because they were always sure to be good, while many other brands were likely to be spoiled or wormy. And gradually O. K. came to be a synonym among the soldiers for something that was above par.

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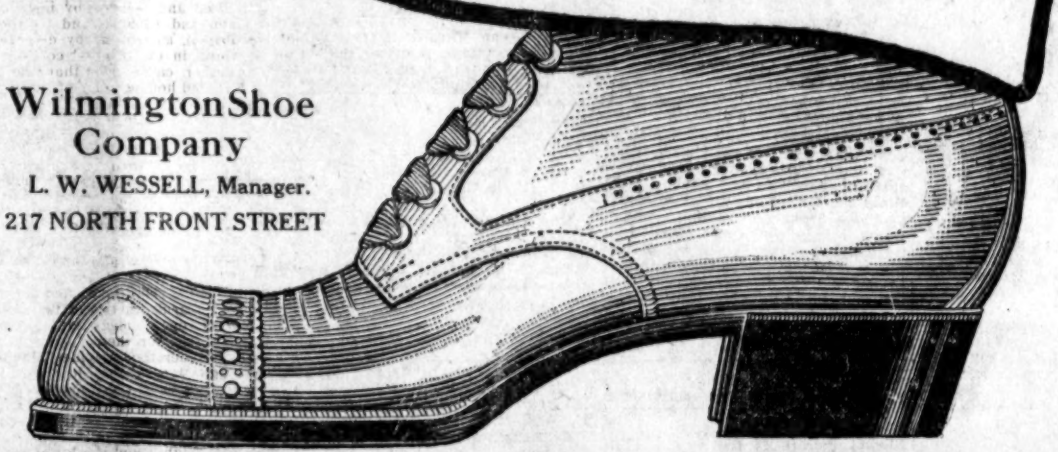

Wilmington Shoe Company
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217 NORTH FRONT STREET

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL DAY

Interesting Speakers at Corn Show in Columbia Next Month.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 14.—Walter H. Page of New York, editor of the World's Work, and Dr. David F. Houston of St. Louis, Chancellor of Washington University, have accepted invitations to deliver addresses on National Education day at the Fifth National Corn Exposition here next January. Both men are well known in this section. Dr. Houston is one of the most prominent educators of the South. Both he and Mr. Page have devoted much time to the study of problems pertaining to the betterment of rural life.

National Education Day has been fixed for Friday, January 27, the Exposition opening on the 27th. Other prominent educators who have accepted invitations to speak on this day are Mr. J. D. Eggleston, State Superintendent of Education of Virginia, and Miss Mable Carney, of Normal University, Normal, Ill., Secretary of the Illinois Country Life Federation.

The addresses of this day will be directed to real problems in school improvement and in the improvement and development of rural schools especially. A series of exhibits, demonstrating the methods, value and need of rural school improvement, is being prepared for the Exposition by President D. B. Johnson and a special Committee of the Winthrop faculty. Treating a different phase of the same subject will be country community exhibit, to be put on by Miss Mable Carney in cooperation with the rural life department of the Presbyterian Board of home missions, of New York.

This exhibit will deal with rural school and church problems, and their relations to the rural community. Dr. S. C. Mitchell, President of the University of South Carolina, is in charge of program arrangements for National Education Day.

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XMAS CONTEMPLATIONS

(By T. W. Chambliss.)

The shops are fixing up for Christmas. There is everywhere the appearance of the approaching holiday season. In the windows are wreaths of Holly; there is the Christmas bell. I went along the street tonight and the brightly lighted windows held me and they brought back to me the visions of the other days.

I am young again—just for tonight, and the wind whistles outside my window and the cold is keen and the snow is crisp; it is not the Sunny South, but the Frozen North, and it is Christmas time.

Back in those long gone days—good old days? Yes—they were good old days. Yonder on the one side of the red-hot stove sits that dear old soul—not so very old either was she. Never while she lived did she grow so old as to forget that boys and girls were not expected to be men before their time. Never while she lived did Christmas come without nights of planning and fixin' on her part—planning and fixin' for us and for me.

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She has gone away—went a long time ago and the pain of the going has never left me. She went just about the time when it seemed that she was needed most—but the preacher said that God knew best and I have tried to believe it through the passing years—it has been hard. So tonight I sit and see her again. She is making something, I cannot just see what it is and she is careful that it does not be seen—we never tried very hard to see just what she was making for we knew that when Christmas morning came we would know, and more, we knew that we would be glad.

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"Run along to bed—'tis getting late," and off I trot to my room. Sleep?—no, not just yet, but dream with open eyes awhile before losing consciousness. Lying there in the dark—wondering as a boy of the coming years—longing for manhood and freedom. Thinking of Christmas and the coming joys of the holidays. Tonight, I am dreaming again, with open eyes, and the dream is not of approaching days but of the by-gone days. I have reached manhood—the long sought ideal of youth. I have tasted and more have drunk deep of the years. I am not pessimistic—this is a good time in which to live but how good it would be to take a vacation of a week and spend it in the old Christmas time—the long ago of youth.

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If she could just come back to me—if she could fix my Christmas things once more—if she could pat my cheek and kiss my tired cheek—just one time. The happiest Christmas for this one man would be a little while with her.

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Do not misunderstand—the joys of the season will surround me. I will smile with others and will be happy. Happiness consists in being cognizant of making others happy and consequently this man will be happy the coming Christmas season. But—there will be a longing—an unsatisfied longing and yet there will be a smiling face and lots of laughter.

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Christmas—the true Christmas is that season in which you make somebody feel cheery. The true spirit of Christmas is the spirit of making the other one feel happy. Drive away from your heart and from your face the longings for your own enjoyment and do it by searching out some other soul and making it smile.

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The shops are bright tonight—the dream of my heart has faded. I will go out among the passing throng and see if I cannot find somebody—man, woman or child and take to that one a smile. The first Christmas marked the advent of the Christ—the divine, human help-bringer. He came and when He came it was Christmas. It will be Christmas again when we come in His name and with His spirit. The world offers a magnificent opportunity these days for the manifestation of the true Christmas spirit. There is a great big world filled with men and women and they are looking for a smile—longing for a smile—waiting for a smile. Not a mere smiling face but a smile from a warm heart. Pass on the smile.

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Gather the holly—twine the evergreen, light the candles, send the gifts and be happy—but above all these days of Christmas be sure to scatter with lavish hand the Christmas spirit.

BAVARIAN PRINCE DEAD

Luitpold, Prince Regent, Died at Munich.—91 Years Old

Munich, December 12. — Luitpold, Prince Regent of Bavaria, died here today. He was 91 years old. The prince regent had been in failing health for several months and his death was not unexpected.

Prince Luitpold was the oldest ruling prince in Europe in point of years. He was born March 12th, 1821. Prince Luitpold became regent in June, 1886. The immediate cause of his death was bronical catarrh, which was aggravated by the feebleness of old age. He died before his eldest son and successor, Prince Ludwig, could reach his side. The death of the aged prince has caused sincere grief throughout Europe.

Emporer William telegraphed today that he would attend the funeral of the late Prince Regent Luitpold, the date of which has not yet been fixed.

In accordance with Luitpold's wish, his heart is to be embalmed saparately, enclosed in a silver case and taken to Altoetting in Bavaria, where the shrine of the Virgin Mary is visited by thousands of pilgrims every year.

The Bavarian troops this evening took the oath of allegiance to Prince Ludwig shortly after his arrival here.

A West Feliciana farmer, after receiving a letter from his son at school stating that he was taking fencing lessons, remarked that as soon as the boy came home he would put him to digging post holes.

From the top of the Malvern hills in England, on a clear day, the tourist may look into 16 counties.

COTTON MANUFACTURERS

Imports Into United States Will Approximate 70 Million Dollars

Imports of cotton manufactures into the United States, the producer of 70 per cent of the world's cotton, will approximate 70 million dollars in value in the calendar year, 1912, while the exports will probably exceed 50 million dollars. Imports are coming in at about the same rate as in 1910 and 1911, while exports are rapidly increasing. In the 10 months which ended with October of the years named imports of cotton manufactures were valued at 53 1-2 million dollars in 1910, 53 3-4 million in 1911, and 55 3-4 million in 1912; while exports have advanced from 29 million dollars in 1910 to 36 1-2 million in 1911 and 44 million in 1912, thus justifying the above estimate of the Statistical Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, which places the year's imports and exports of cotton manufactures at 70 million dollars and 50 million dollars, respectively. For a longer period—the 15 years from 1897 to 1912—it is found that imports have increased from 32 million dollars in 1897 to an indicated total of 70 million in 1912, a gain of about 120 per cent; while exports have increased from 18 1-2 million dollars to 50 million, a gain of 170 per cent.

The world's production of raw cotton for mill consumption is, according to the figures of 1911, 22,297,000 bales, of which 15,546,000 bales, of 70 per cent of the total, were produced in the United States; 2,514,000 bales in British India, 1,450,000 bales in Egypt, 1,200,000 bales in Russia, and 1,587,000 bales in all other countries. Of the cotton produced in the United States about two-thirds is exported, chiefly to England, Germany, France and other European countries, from which we in turn import large quantities of cotton manufactures, mostly of the higher grades. Thus of the 56 million dollars' worth of cotton goods imported in the period from January 1st to October 31st of the current year, 31 million dollars was the value of laces, edgings, and embroideries; while the remainder included 6 million dollars' worth of cloths, 3 2-3 million dollars' worth of thread, 2 1-3 million dollars' worth of plushes and velveteens, 2 1-2 million dollars' worth of stockings and hose, and a half million dollars' worth of handkerchiefs and mufflers.

Europe supplies most of the cotton goods imported into the United States and as yet takes a very small proportion of our exports of a smaller class. From the United Kingdom we import anuually about 20 million dollar's worth, chiefly cloths and laces; from Switzerland about 15 million dollars' worth of cotton goods; from Germany 16 million; and from France, 10 million. Switzerland is the leading source of our imported laces and embroideries, having supplied last year 13 million dollars' worth, against 8 million from France, 7 1-2 million from Germany, and nearly 6 1-2 million dollars' worth from the United Kingdom.

China continues to rank first as a market for our cotton cloths, though exports thereto in the current year are considerably less than in certain earlier years. In the 10 months ended with October the total was 61 million yards, against 85 million in the corresponding period of 1911. Other important markets include Canada, to which the exports increased from 9 million yards in 10 months of 1911 to 20 million in a like period of 1912; Cuba, 20 million to 27 million yards; Colombia, from 14 million to 22 million yards; Aden, from 16 million to 30 million yards and the Philippines from 36 million to 67 million yards. Our cotton clothing and knit goods are exported chiefly to Canada and the United Kingdom. Practically every civilized country is represented in the list of communities to which American cotton goods are exported and while in some cases the totals are relatively small they are sufficient in size and growth to give promise of future expansion.

The United States ranks third among the world's great importers of cotton goods, the total in 1911 having been 66 million dollars, compared with 161 million for India and 94 million for China. In exportation of cotton manufactures the United States, while making steady progress, is far behind certain industrial countries of Europe. In 1911, for example, our total was about 46 million dollars, compared with 68 million for France, 122 million for Germany, and 584 million for the United Kingdom. Our total exports of the class under review were thus less than one-tenth those of the United Kingdom, about one-third of Germany, and 30 per cent less than those of France. Up to this time our cotton manufacturers have been chiefly occupied in supplying the home market, only a small part of domestic production entering international trade. In 1909, for example, when production of cotton goods exceeded 628 million dollars in value, exports were but 34 million, or about 5 per cent of the year's output.

UNIQUE BUTTING CONTEST.

Negro and Billy Goat Try Conclusions in Atlanta Yard.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—A stubborn butting contest between a billy goat and a buck negro, a regular arena battle, waged for some 20 minutes in the yard of a local ice company yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a draw between the man and the animal. Each had a head as hard as a billiard ball. Neither was able to butt the other off his feet.

The particular negro in question, a hefty drayman named Mose, has the reputation of being the hardest-headed Ethiopian in this vicinity. Whenever he gets into a fight with a fellow man, he uses his head with telling effect. Some time ago he was persuaded to try consequences with a goat, shorthorned, of course, and the goat got the worst of it. Mose bragged about his prowess and was easily prevailed upon to enter the arena for a pitched battle with another goat yesterday afternoon, for the edification of a party of visitors to this city. A number of Atlanta newspaper men refereed the fight. Mose had a unique way of parrying the goat's most violent rushes; he would suddenly fall backward as the goat approached, and meet the goat's attack with his two feet; then before the goat could recover its balance he would be up again and drive his own hard pate with telling effect into the goat's slats.

Kansas has 510,000 school children.

Tar Heel Student Soldiers

(Christian Science Monitor.)

Newton, Mass., Dec. 14.—A model in clay of the bronze statue that is to be placed on the campus of the North Carolina University at Chapel Hill, N. C., in honor of the 1,500 soldiers of the Confederacy that served in the Civil War who were connected with that institution, has just been completed by John Wilson, the sculptor, at his studio at 61 Waban Hill road, Chestnut Hill.

The statue will represent a youth in the uniform of a Southern soldier. The figure will be eight feet four inches in height and will stand on a pedestal of Mt. Erie granite, nine feet high. On the front of the pedestal will apear a relief in bronze, representing the State calling upon her students to take up arms for the South. The model of this has also recently been completed by Mr. Wilson, and stands six feet high.

In a few days, both models will be removed from the studio and will be sent to the bronze foundry, where the metallic work will be completed. The memorial, which was subscribed for by the people of North Carolina, will be unveiled at the commencement exercises of the university, early in June, 1913.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Where A. & M. Quint Will Play During the New Year

(Special Star Correspondence.)

West Raleigh, N. C., December 14—Manager W. C. Hopkins, of the A. & M. basketball team, has announced the schedule of the season of 1913, as follows:

January 11—Durham Y. M. C. A., at Raleigh.

January 18—Elon College, at Raleigh.

January 24—Washington & Lee, at Lexington.

January 25—V. M. I., at Lexington.

January 27—University of Virginia, at Charlottesville.

February 1—Davidson College, at Raleigh.

February 6—Emory and Henry College, at Raleigh.

February 8—Wake Forest College, at Raleigh.

February 13—Wake Forest College, at Wake Forest.

February 15—Trinity College, at Raleigh.

February 19—Pending.

February 22—University of North Carolina, at Raleigh.

February 26—Trinity College, at Durham.

February 27—Elon College, at Elon.

Besides the above Manager Hopkins is negotiating for three additional games, one with the University of North Carolina, and two with Guilford College, which will make a total of 16 games to be played, eight of which will be played at home.

Three of the most important games, the University of North Carolina, the University of Virginia and Washington & Lee, who will be played for the first time in basketball, and will be the first athletic contest with the first two mentioned universities for several years.

This is the biggest schedule gotten out by A. & M. since she has had a basketball team, and is the first year which it has been under the Athletic Association, having been previously run by the Y. M. C. A., when only a few games were scheduled with Wake Forest, Trinity and Guilford College.

NORTH CAROLINA MINERALS.

St. Louis Concern Buys Interest in Canadian Southern Mine.

Henderson, N. C., Dec. 12.—At $25,000 interest in the gold mine formerly operated by the Canadian Southern Mine Company on Forge Mountain, Henderson county, was today sold to Roberts & Reynolds, of St. Louis, Mo., by local interests. The purchasers have announced their intention of opening the mine immediately and where now lies about $50,000 worth of rust-eaten, idle mining machinery, will within the course of a few months be most active operations in the event proposed developments are consummated.

Harry R. Roberts, of Denver, Colo., a member of the firm of Roberts & Reynolds, has carefully inspected the mining properties and as a result closed the deal today with Col. W. A. Smith and Capt. M. S. Toms, of this city, the latter's son, Chas. French Toms, of Ashdville, and Harry M. Robers, of Fletcher, Henderson county.

The terms of the contract call for a cash payment of $25,000 and pledges from the purchasers to operate the mines and continue the 700-foot tunnel constructed by the Canadian Southern Mines.

The Canadian Southern Mines Co., about 12 years ago secured an interest in the mines from various parties in western North Carolina and installed about $50,000 worth of mining machinery. The company operated for some time and was making satisfactory progress when the general manager suddenly disappeared. The stockholders became disgusted, sold most of the machinery and suspended operations, since which time the mine has been dormant and the machinery is considered valueless.

Mr. Roberts states that he expects to have a force of at least 50 men working at this mine by the middle of next month, and that the old tunnel will be continued about 800 feet further, or at least far enough to cut through the five well defined veins, the first of which is just beyond the end of the tunnel.

These mines have been examined by some of the best known and most expert mining engineers, one from Canada, one from England and Dr. W. B. Phillips and C. D. W. Colby, of North Carolina. Every known report showed most excellent mining prospects. Reports show that the mine will assay 80 cents and up to the ton. Dr. Phillips is reported as saying that the ore bears from $4.63 to $14.04 the ton, while one assay shows $23.77 gold and $1.70 in silver to the ton.

WESTERN HOSPITAL

Mr. Clark Tells of Annual Report of Superintendent McCampbell

Statesville, December 14.—Mr. Rufus R. Clark, member of the board of directors of the State Hospital at Morganton and secretary to the board, has just returned from the regular meeting of the directors held at the hospital this week. This being the close of the biennial period, the report of Superintendent John McCampbell made to the directors covered the past two years and was very interesting. During the two years 261 men and 297 women have been admitted to the hospital, a total of 558; 341 were discharged, one was transferred to Raleigh and 110 died, removing 452. The total number of inmates at the close of the period was 1,330, 567 men and 763 women, an increase of 106. The recoveries, based on the number of admissions, were 29 per cent during 1911 and 30 per cent in 1912. The average yearly death rate has been 3.53 per cent. The percentage of deaths from tuberculosis is very low. Eight died from pellagra, and there were 3 suicides, the circumstances of which were explained through the press at the time.

According to Dr. McCampbell's report, the per capita cost of maintenance in 1911 was $159.27, and for 1912 it was $164.79, an average of $162.03 for the two years, making a total expenditure for support of $373,057.70, leaving on hand from the amount appropriated for the purpose a balance of $16,942.21. The per capita cost is lower than is usual in such institutions, due to the practice of economy in all departments. The total amount of the appropriation could have been spent, possibly without waste, but the idea of the management is that when necessary comforts and care have been provided it is proper to save the money of the taxpayers and due to this idea nearly $17,000 will be returned to the State Treasury. The cost of maintenance is increasing, however, and for the next two years $200,000 a year instead of $195,000 a year will be asked.

The report stresses the urgent need of room. During this year 90 applicants have been refused for lack of room. The pressure is so great that only the most acute cases can be taken, leaving many deserving applicants in jails and county homes, or in private homes where they are great burdens and sometimes a menace. To supply the pressing need the Legislature will be asked for $100,000 for buildings to accommodate 200 patients, the buildings to be designed for the reception and classification of acute patients. This will relieve the demand for room and add to the efficiency of the institution, which is doing such a great work for humanity.

AGAINST COMMISSION FORM

Committee From Charlotte Aldermanic Body Not Favorable

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 13.—The friends of the commission form of government discovered last night that the aldermanic committee on charter revision will not be able to extend to them any aid in the new progressive plan which Charlotte business men and citizens have been demanding for years, and the movement now will have to be carried out by the minority of the committee who make a minority report to the board of aldermen favoring a commission form of government, whereas the majority, including Col. W. W. Phifer's three members, added, as was declared, to change the complexion of the committee, according to Chairman E. L. Mason, and not denied by Colonel Phifer, will probably make a majority report of another nature.

Several members favoring the commission form who were present last night, when the commission idea went down in the committee, as was anticipated, by a vote of 5 to 4, declared that they thought there was no more they could do except bring in a minority report similar to that already agreed upon by five members of the original committee of 8 members, as against 11 members now on the committee.

While the commission form has not succeeded in the committee, whose complexion was known to be adverse to the proposition, and whose position on the issue was made sure by the adding of three new members who were not in favor of the accepted form of commission government, yet the hope is still bright that the board of aldermen, who are the final arbiters, will settle this important question for all time by giving a majority of the votes to the proposition on a minority report or otherwise. It is said that there is a fair chance that such will take place.

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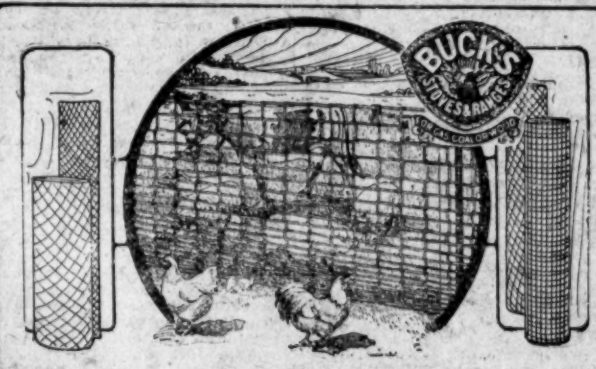

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THE WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Important Happenings, Day by Day, Compiled and Republished for the Benefit of the Busy Man and the Week-End Reader—New York Markets for Each Day of the Six.

SUNDAY.

President Taft issued an order yesterday placing more than 20,000 skilled employes in the navy yards under the civil service.

Additional witnesses were heard yesterday at the Archbald impeachment trial in regard to the Katydid culm dump deal.

Dr. Carl Alsberg, a chemist in the Bureau of Drugs and Plants, was appointed chief of the Chemistry Bureau yesterday, to succeed Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

A van-cage in which prisoners were being transported from the Atlanta city court to the work house, two miles away, strangely disappeared late yesterday.

President Taft spoke to 26 Governors at the White House yesterday and urged them to secure the adoption of uniform State legislation for a rural credits system.

John H. Carter, former president of the American National Bank, of Asheville, was indicted by a Federal grand jury at Greensboro yesterday for alleged defalcations of $100,000.

Abraham Lincoln's sincerity with regard to temperance was questioned yesterday by ministers attending sessions of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Chairman Clapp, of the Senate committee investigating campaign contributions, introduced a bill yesterday to prohibit the sending of campaign funds from one State to another, to aid campaigns of candidate for President, Vice President, Representatives or Senators.

New York markets: Money on call nominal. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour steady. Wheat easy; No. 2 red 1.05 to 1.07. Corn easy, 53 3-4. Turpentine and rosin easy.

TUESDAY.

Sessions of the Panama Canal conference will begin at Atlanta today.

Great Britain's formal protest against the tolls provisions of the recently enacted Panama canal bill, was received at the State Department yesterday.

Testimony was elicited from bankers at the "Money Trust" investigation yesterday tending to show that the banking institutions of the country were dominated by the clearing houses.

Chairman Wm. F. McCombs closed a two days' conference with Democratic leaders in Washington yesterday, and will announce the personnel of the inauguration committee today.

As being Governor of a State and preparing to be President is enough to keep any man busy, as he says, Woodrow Wilson has declined to make any more speaking engagements before March 4th.

B. R. Tillman, Jr., and Mrs. Lucy Dugas, formerly his wife, will share the custody of their two children, according to a decision by the South Carolina Supreme Court, handed down yesterday.

At a meeting of the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee yesterday, it was decided to make a thorough revision of the tariff, schedule by schedule, and to this end the committee will hold hearings three times a week, beginning January 6th.

James Rittenhouse, a mining engineer, testified at the Archbald trial yesterday that the coal in the Katydid culm dump was worth $35,000 to the Erie Railroad, instead of the $4,500 for which they agreed to give an option to E. J. Williams, the business associate of Judge Archbald.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 5 to 6 per cent; closing bid 5; offered at 5 1-4; ruling rate 6. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour quiet and lower. Wheat easy; No. 2 red 1.06 and 1.07. Corn weak, 53 1-2. Turpentine and rosin quiet

WEDNESDAY.

Senator Simmons will hold up all appointments of Republicans in the State, it was announced yesterday.

W. E. Frew, chairman of the New York Clearing House Committee, was the principal witness at the money trust investigation yesterday, and told of the concentration of money and credit.

Although there was no official action taken in the matter, Southern business men at the Panama Canal Conference in Atlanta, Ga., yesterday expressed themselves as strongly favoring ship subsidy legislation.

The assurance from Austrian official quarters that no warlike significance attaches to the military changes, has so far failed to allay uneasiness aroused by the fears that the military party in Servia may force the hands of the government.

W. P. Boland, of Scranton, Pa., charged with forming a conspiracy to injure Judge Archbald, yesterday admitted he suggested the various steps whereby the jurist was connected with the Katydid culm dump deal in order to "button him up."

A plot of Frank Holloway, escaped convict, and a number of his followers to rescue Deggs Nolen from United States marshals at Memphis, Tenn., was frustrated yesterday when detectives raided a cottage on the outskirts of the town and captured the gang.

Col. Roosevelt, Geo. W. Perkins and Jane Addams were the principal speakers at the National Conference of the Progressive party at Chicago, yesterday. Roosevelt attacked a recent decision of the Idaho Supreme Court in regard to Presidential electors.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 4 to 4 1-2 per cent; ruling rate 5 1-2; closing bid 5; offered at 5 1-2. Spot cotton closed steady. Flour steady. Wheat steady; No. 2 red 1.06 and 1.07. Corn firm, 54 3-4. Turpentine steady Rosin easy.

THURSDAY

President Taft and party will sail for Panama on the afternoon of December 21st, on the battleship Arkansas.

Democratic Leader Underwood declared yesterday he wanted to see the tariff hearings concluded by the end of January.

Two men were killed and several injured yesterday when 700 striking railroad employes ambushed a boat load of strike-breakers near Hackensack, N. J., and fired upon them.

The New York bankers, called to testify at the money trust hearing, yesterday demanded of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, that they be excused or placed on the stand at once.

A compromise was effected in the Hillsville cases yesterday whereby Sidna Allen must serve 35 years for the part he played in the court house tragedy and Wesley Edwards must serve 27.

Legislation designed to accomplish the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine will be sought from Congress by the Panama Canal Conference, formally organized at Atlanta yesterday.

Representative Roddenberry, of Georgia, in speaking on his resolution yesterday to prohibit the marriage of whites and negroes, denounced the legal procedure which permitted such a marriage as the recent one of Jack Johnson.

The Progressive National Conference in session at Chicago yesterday selected New York as permanent headquarters for the executive committee and decided to send a commission abroad to secure data to be used in educational campaign work.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 4 to 5 per cent; ruling rate and closing bid 4 3-4; offered at 5. Spot cotton closed steady. Flour about steady. Wheat easy; No. 2 red 1.06 and 1.07. Corn steady, 54 1-4. Turpentine steady. Rosin easy.

FRIDAY.

Luitpold, prince regent of Bavaria, died at Munich yesterday.

The Greek, Servian and Montenegrin peace commissioners arrived in London last night.

Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday made public the completed arrangements for the parcels post, which goes into effect January 1st.

The House yesterday voted to unseat Representative Chas. C. Bowman, of the 11th Pennsylvania district, and refused to seat his Democratic opponent.

A subpoena was issued yesterday for President-elect Wilson, whose testimony is wanted at the hearing next Tuesday of the trio of alleged blackmailers who threatened his life.

The Congressional committee investigating the money trust looked into the highways and by-ways of finance yesterday as reflected in operations on the New York Stock Exchange.

The North Carolina Baseball League was organized at Charlotte yesterday, and succeeds the Carolina Association. Charlotte, Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Durham compose the league.

Charles G. Walker, alias J. N. Dowsing, wanted in connection with the wire-tapping swindle of two Wilmingtonians by a New York confidence gang, was arrested in New Orleans yesterday.

The Federal government yesterday filed a civil anti-trust suit at Detroit, Mich., against the Horse Shoers Trust. Attorney General Wickersham seeks injunctions against the Master Horse Shoers National Protective Association.

New York markets: Money on call easier, 4 1-4 to 5 per cent; ruling rate 4 3-4; closing big 4 1-2; offered at 4 3-4. Spot cotton quiet. Flour steady. Wheat firm. No. 2 red 1.06 and 1.07. Corn firm, 54 1-2 Turpentine and rosin steady

SATURDAY

Manipulation and short-selling as forms of gambling on the New York Stock Exchange formed the basis of the House Money Trust Committee's hearings yesterday.

Frederick W. Zeiss, a witness at the "Dynamite Conspiracy" trial sent to jail yesterday in default of a $2,000 bond, under which he was placed to be held to the Federal grand jury on charges of perjury.

President-elect Wilson will leave Bermuda for the United States today.

Good progress was made in the hearings against the National Cash Register Co. officials at Cincinnati yesterday.

The plenipotentiaries to the peace conference to settle the war in Southeastern Europe have all arrived in London and it is thought they will immediately get down to business.

Collector of Customs B. F. Keith, J. W. Little, Wilmington, and Congressman Godwin appeared before the House Committee on Public Buildings yesterday and asked for an additional appropriation of $350,000 for the Wilmington customs house.

Albert Carter was arrested in St. Augustine, Fla., yesterday on a charge of working the wire-tapping game, and with the arrest of J. A. Dowsing in New Orleans the day previous, the police believe they have completed the round up of the wire-tapping gang which swindled two Wilmingtonians out of $25,000.

Attorney General Carmody yesterday demanded of the members of the New York Monument Commission that they make good an alleged shortage of $28,000.

New York markets Money on call steady, 4 to 4 3-4 per cent; ruling rate 4 3-4; closing bid 4; offered at 4 1-4. Spot cotton quiet. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat firm; No. 2 red 1.07 and 1.08. Corn steady, 54 1-2. Turpentine steady. Rosin quiet.

MANUFACTURED EXPORTS.

More Than Half of Foreign Trade Products of Factories.

More than one-half of the foreign trade of this greatest year of American commerce is conducted by, or in behalf of our manufacturers. Over 50 per cent. of the exports in the 10 months ended with October were products of the factories of the United States and 52 per cent. of the merchandise imported was for use in the factories.

The value of factory products exported in the 10 months ended with October was 607 million dollars' worth of manufactures ready for consumption and 321 million dollars' worth of manufactures for further use in manufacturing, their total forming 50.3 per cent. of the entire exportation of domestic products, this being the first time in which manufactures formed as much as 50 per cent. of the exports of the period in question. The value of crude materials imported for use in manufacturing was 524 million dollars and of manufactures for further use in manufacturing 263 million dollars, the combination of the two classes of materials for use in the factories forming 52 per cent. of the total imports of the period under review and justifying the statement that over one-half of the commerce of the year has been by, or on behalf of the manufacturers of the country.

These figures also seem to fully justify the prediction of the Statistical Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce that the exports of manufactures in the year ending with this month will exceed 1,100 million dollars, since a continuation during November and December of the monthly average attained in the 10 months would bring the total above that sum. The value of manufacturers' materials imported during the year will apparently exceed 900 million dollars, making the aggregate value of merchandise imported and exported by, or on behalf of our manufacturers over two billion dollars, against less than one billion dollars a decade ago.

What are the principal articles forming this 900 million dollars' worth of materials for use in manufacturing and 1,100 million dollars' worth of manufactures exported? The dozen leading articles on the import side for the use of manufacturers are wool, silk, cotton, fibers, tin, hides, rubber, copper, tobacco lumber, oils and chemicals of various sorts. The 12 principal articles on the export side, products of the factories of the country are manufactures of iron and steel, manufactures of leather, manufactures of copper, manufactures of wood, manufactures of cotton, refined mineral oils, naval stores, manufactures of paper, agricultural implements, cars and carriages, electrical instruments and appliances, and automobiles.

This increase of more than 100 per cent. in 10 years in the commerce conducted on behalf of our manufacturers is chiefly due to increased quantities of merchandise moved, though in some degree to higher prices. Of india rubber, for example, the quantity imported in the 10 months ended with October, 1912, was 97 million pounds, against 41 million pounds in a like period in 1902; while the value in 10 months of 1912 was 82 million dollars, against 20 million a decade earlier, the price having advanced from about 50 cents per pound to 85 cents in 10 years. Wool also shows a material increase in price, 10 months' imports having increased in quantity from 149 million in 1902, to 212 million in 1912, while the value increased from 16.4 million to 37.5 million dollars, indicating an advance in price from 11 cents per pound in 1902 to 17 cents in 1912. Of tin the quantity imported in the 10 months increased from 71 million pounds in 1902 to 99 1-2 in 1912, while the value rose from 17 3-4 million dollars in 1902 to 42 1-2 million in 1912, and the price per pound from 25 cents to 43 cents. In most other cases, however, the increase occurs chiefly in quantity. Silk has nearly doubled in quantity as compared with 10 years ago; hides and skins have also nearly doubled; cotton has increased more than 60 per cent.; tobacco has practically doubled, while copper shows a large increase, both in quantity and value, the opportunities offered by the smelting and refining establishments of this country leading producers in various parts of the world to send their raw or partly manufactured material to the United States for smelting or refining, as the case may be.

On the export side the growth has been even more striking. Iron and steel manufactures exported in the 10 months in question have increased from 82 million dollars in 1902 to 239 million in 1912; copper manufactures from 40 million to 106 million; leather and manufactures of leather from 25 million to 53 million; manufactures of wood from 40 million to 84 million; refined mineral oils from 51 million to 97 million; agricultural implements, from 16 million to 35 million; electrical appliances and scientific instruments from 5 1-4 million to 16 million; cars and carriages from eight million to 38 million, and automobiles from one million dollars in 10 months of 1902 to 21 million in the corresponding period of 1912.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

If you would wear a golden crown
And reach the gate that's bright and pearly,
oh cast the worn fly swatter down,
and do your Christmas shopping early.
The flies have flown unto their roost,
and nobly have you done your duty;
and now's the time to give a boost
toward making this a world of beauty.
If each one would begin today
and do a chunk of Christmas buying,
how much of grief would fade away,
how much of sorrow and of sighing.
Go out into the busy town
and tote back home a load of bundles,
then strive your carking cares to drown
in lakes of drays and seas of trundles.
Remember how the poor, tired clerk
must toil and grind to make you happy
till he or she is sick of work
and feeling militant and scrappy.
Oh, do your shopping—do it now;
go do it with a fierce endeavor;
you'll win a star to deck your brow,
you'll bask in Glory Land forever.
Hard have you toiled the Summer through,
a-wielding swatters big and burly;
but now there comes this call to you—
oh, do your Christmas shopping early.

Seven miles of railroad will be built at a cost of $20,000,000 on the west side of the Susquehanna river, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., by the Delaware & Hudson Road, exclusively for handling coal and freight.

STATE ARCHITECTS.

Large Attendance at Annual Meeting Now in Progress at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 13.—The opening session of the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Architects, of which Mr. W. G. Rogers, of the firm of Hook & Rogers, is the president, was called to order in the assembly room of the Selwyn Hotel this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, there being present representatives from Raleigh, Wilmington, and many other leading North Carolina cities and towns.

Prior to the meeting several committees of the association held sessions, chief of which was the meeting of the committee on legislation.

This committee was appointed some time ago for no less a purpose than the securing of legislation needed to thoroughly standardize the architectural profession in North Carolina, requiring the architects shall stand on examination before being licensed to engage in their profession in this State. As stated by a leading member, the association desired to have in architecture what medicine, pharmacy and law already possess, a complete machine for the control of the profession, placing it on a recognized basis of Statewide import, as many other progressive States have already done. The report of the committee will be presented to the association at a subsequent business session.

This afternoon at the formal opening of the convention, Mr. Charles C. Hook will introduce the man who will deliver the address of welcome, Mayor Charles A. Bland. A response will then be made by Mr. H. W. Simpson, of Newbern. A business session will follow, and also a business session at night, the meetings continuing over into Saturday. A social session of the organization will be held immediately following teh business session of the evening at the Selwyn Hotel.

The architects thus far reported as present for the session are: Wilmington, Jos. F. Leitner; Greensboro, Brewer, Weston and Barton; Durham, H. C. Linthicum; Winston, Northrup & O'Brien; Salisbury, J. W. Zimmerman; Raleigh, Thompson & Hartge; Asheville, Smith & Lord; Charlotte, Hook & Rogers, Wheeler & Stern, Asbury & McMichael, and Hunter & Gordon.

The president of the association is Mr. W. G. Rogers, of this city. Tonight Mr. John S. Gates, of the American Steel and Tin Plate Company, will deliver a lecture on "Infusion of Copper and Steel." Mr. J. F. Leitner is also a speaker of the afternoon, and Mr. W. H. Simpson, who also delivers the response to the address of welcome. Mr. Charles C. Hook is on the programme for an original poem.

Mr. Linthicum is to speak on "Personal Reminiscences of Members of the Association," probably at the business session this afternoon.

The Charlotte architects are busy today as hosts looking after the welfare and entertainment of their guests, the men who are helping in large degree to make North Carolina go forward at the rapid stride which she has struck in the procession of modern progress.

Saturday's programme calls for an early morning automobile ride over the city, followed by the concluding business session of the meeting in the city.

TO FEEDING DOG, $500

Woman Who Cared for Mrs. Phelps Ward's Pet Sues Executors

Boston, December 12.—The care of "Fee," a pet dog, formerly owned by the late Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, the author, is the basis of a suit filed in the Superior Court at Salem today.

Mrs. Adeline Hawkes, of Gloucester, instituted proceedings against the executors of Mrs. Ward's estate to recover $500, to which she claims to be entitled because of expense largely incurred in feeding "Fee." The plaintiff alleged that she has cared for the dog for the last 85 weeks at Mrs. Ward's request.

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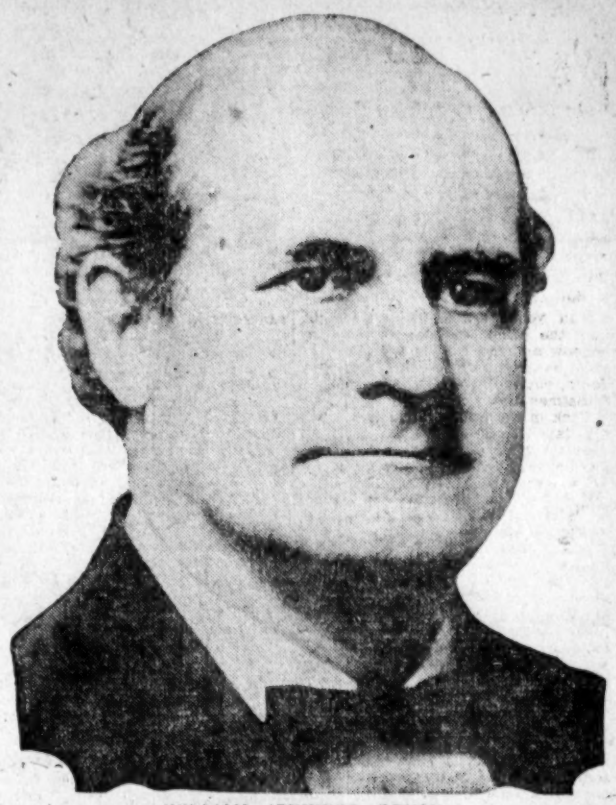

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HOME HEALTH CLUB

By Dr. David H. Reeder, Chicago, Illinois.

Foods and Constipation — Your grandparents and mine had to earn their living for the most part by hard manual labor, and usually out of doors at that. Their digestive organs could handle anything short of a grindstone and wedges.

Their diet for the most part was simple and wholesome. Only on special and infrequent occasions did they have rich complex dishes, even then those dishes were made by the wife and mother out of clean and wholesome ingredients. Their corn meal was ground at the grist mill down on the river, and often their wheat was ground into flour by the same mill—real whole wheat flour. They weren't enervated to any great extent by living in houses that lacked proper ventilation, for their houses had great fire places, and usually enough cracks and cervices to insure good ventilation.

If any slight illness prevailed in the family, the ailing one was given non-poisonous herb remedies compounded in the kitchen. If a doctor was called, he gave stuff that in taste and smell defied description, but it was usually non-poisonous. Sometimes the results were a profound dislike for the doctor and his "dope" on the part of the patient.

What do you and I get in the shape of food? Do we get good, wholesome, home-prepared, unsophisticated foods? Well, hardly, unless we make a special effort, and then we are not sure of it. Our bread is made from flour that has passed through seventeen (more or less) rollers and cloth selves, which have taken from it most everything but the starch. Our meats come from a more or less clean meat market, and our fruits and groceries we buy by the can at the corner grocery. We sit down to a meal of bread (usually baker's and mostly starch), mashed or fried potatoes (mostly starch), meats and gravy, and probably some factory canned fruits and vegetables; for dessert: pie, pudding and cake (starch and sugar). You see our food is too highly concentrated, too complex; it doesn't contain enough "roughening" or debris to stimulate the bowels to activity. Gases formed in the bowels (by fermentation, not digestion) do stimulate to a certain degree, but not enough.

Many who live on a farm get practically the same diet as those who live in the city. It is not uncommon to see baker's bread and bakery-made pastries and factory canned foods on the farmer's table.

If we are contented to subsist on highly concentrated, factory made foods, and live in a manner consistent with modern ideas and ideals, we should be willing to take the consequences and not whine.

After all has been said, who would want to go back to the ways of living in vogue in our grandfather's day? I would not; neither would you; but we must, if we wish to overcome the habit, yes, the habit, of constipation, and make certain radical changes in our dietary. There are some articles of food that will prove effective in any and all cases, but as a rule your case is different. There are certain symptoms not like the ordinary constipation, and it is for the purpose of rendering specific service to all of the Home Health Club readers that I write these articles. The average case will be benefited, perhaps entirely cured, by eating daily a small dish of raw chopped cabbage in which a dressing of two tablespoonfuls of olive oil, a little vinegar, salt and red pepper has been mixed. Eat all of it with a spoon. But, as I said before, yours may be different; that's the reason I always say that you are at liberty to write to me and tell me about your case; perhaps, in suggesting a diet for you, I may help many others. That's what I most want to do.

Club Notes.

Dear Doctor: I am a reader of your lectures, and wish you would answer one question through the columns of the Home Health Club. What proportions of mullein, lobelia, and black cohash should be used to make a liniment? E. M.

I think you would get the best results from tincture of mullein, 75 per cent.; tincture of lobelia, 15 per cent.; tincture of black cohash, 10 per cent.

All readers of this publication are at liberty at all times to write for information pertaining to the subject of health. Address all communications to the Home Health Club, 5039 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A., with name and address in full, and at least four cents in postage.

ATTRACTIVE TOURS.

Series of Trips to Panama Canal, Jamaica and Cuba.

A series of the most alluring trips that have been brought to our attention are those announced in a special ad. in this paper by the Atlantic Coast Line, to Panama, Jamaica and Cuba, with one personally conducted tour, from Key West, on January 7, as a special attraction. Those who wish to see the beauties of those countries and make a trip through Florida, including a trip over the famous "Over-Sea Railroad," should call on or address F. M. Jolly, Traffic Agent, Atlantic Coast Line, Wilmington, who will personally conduct the party on the large new steamship "Evangeline" which, it is announced, will accommodate 700 passengers.

Many musicians besides merely comic song writers have gained golden rewards by their works. Sullivan received $50,000 in royalties from "The Lost Chord". "In Old Madrid" brought its composer—until then unknown to fame—$75,000 and for "My Pretty Joe", Bishop received $10,000 a line.

Famous Stage Beauties.

look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blotches, Sores or Pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema and salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains; heals burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy. (advertisement.)

BUILDING SHIPS IN AMERICA.

Mr. Redfield Points Out That Cost Need Not be Excessive.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

In a recent address before the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Congressman Wm. C. Redfield attacked the theory that the American merchant marine can not be revived because of the excessive cost of ship building here. Mr. Redfield represents a Brooklyn constituency in the lower house of the present Congress. In private life he is a successful manufacturer and president of the American Manufacturers' Export Association. No American business man, we suppose, has made a more careful study than he of manufacturing costs at home and abroad.

"It is no longer true," Mr. Redfield declares, "that goods made in America always cost more because of the higher rate of wages paid here. * * * Today the largest single item in our exports is manufactured and partly manufactured goods, and these have become nearly or quite half of our total exports.* * * I had in my hands a few days since a list of 177 different articles in which a good and growing trade is done abroad. * * * Talk with German and English manufacturers in their candid moments and you may be surprised at their views. They know, and there are times when they will say, that America is fast becoming their most formidable competitor in the markets of Europe. * * * The old belief that the product of a man whose pay was $3 must cost more than the product of a man whose pay was $2 dies rather hard, but if there ever was a pernicious falsehood this is it. * * * The business houses grouped in the American Manufacturers' Export Association do a regular foreign trade in their goods of approximately $200,000,000, and among us it would be rather amusing were one to say that we could not compete because of our wages when, as a matter of fact, we are doing it all the time."

The increase of our shipbuilding efficiently has not quite kept pace, he thinks, with our growing efficiency in other lines of manufactures. But he points out that a 28,000-ton battleship can now be built in American yards in 33 months, when a few years ago it required 48 months to build a 14,000 ton ship. We are now manufacturing ships on a "retail scale", the growth of efficiency would be much more rapid. The cost of construction is being steadily reduced. "A year ago," he asserts, "we took in London, in competition with England, 14 small steamers for the Amazon. An English company on the Lakes, which has had its ships built abroad, is now having two built in Canada because of the high foreign price." With the cheaper cost of American steel and the normal development of American efficiency in shipbuilding, he predicts that "we shall build ships here as cheaply as anywhere."

Recent efforts to establish and develop independent American steamship lines have shown rather clearly that the revival of our merchant marine is thwarted by other causes than high shipbuilding costs. Competitive shipping lines are plainly not desired in some quarters, and the interests opposing them suppress them by indirect methods. Until these methods are prohibited, it is doubtful whether there can be any substantial marine, however favorable the cost of ship construction here may compare with that abroad. Mr. Redfield's exposition should be useful in exploding the fallacious theory of excessive construction costs, behind which these hostile interests are intrenched.

PAID TO BE GOOD.

Won the Hand of Miss Bradley by "Turning Over New Leaf."

(Pittsburg Correspondence New Work American.)

William Thaw 3rd, ought to be the happiest man on earth tonight.

He has won another reward for being good.

His first reward came to him as a charming, youthful bride, who was Miss Gladys Virginia Bradley, of Bridgeport, Conn., and she has helped him to be good ever since their marriage in December, 1910.

Now comes young Thaw's second reward to glorify his romance, to reward his young wife, too, as she deserves.

Mrs. William Thaw, Jr., will give her son a fine residence and estate in the exclusive Berckley Heights that will cost nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

She has bought 90 acres of the finest land in that section, and on it she will build a house that, with its furnishings, will be worth $100,000 at least.

This splendid gift she will make to her son as a Christmas present and to strengthen his determination and the self-control he has been displaying.

Surely December is his lucky month.

William Thaw 3rd had for a while amused himself to the top of his bent. He was as joyous as any of Pittsburg's gilded youth.

Then he met Miss Bradley and fell in love with her, which was entirely natural. When he asked her to marry him, she said, in effect:

"I love you, but really my husband must not go quite the pace that you have been going. You have a good mind and a most amiable disposition. You are generous to a fault—to too many faults. Settle down. Come to me after six months, tell me truly that you have been a good boy and not a good fellow and I'll marry you."

"I'll go you—that is to say, I'll deserve you," exclaimed Thaw.

And so he did. And after six months he waited on Miss Bradley and told her truly he was the greatest of all conquerors—he had conquered himself. Now his mother, immensely wealthy, recommenses him. And his generosity and encouragement will not stop at a quarter of a million dollars.

"Nothing is too good for him now," she says with maternal pride and affectionate enthusiasm.

The youth said he thought he could get work here and that was the reason he left home. He said he was tired of the horse, cows and plows. He was found sleeping in a stable by the police.

"I hope they won't put me away for Christmas as I remember when I was at home how happy I was with my parents and brothers and sisters.

Christopher will be held until this afternoon, when it is expected one of his relatives will have reached town.

NEW AND STRANGE DISEASE

Acromegaly An Abnormal Growth of Bones in Body

(Baltimore Sun. 13th.)

The death of Rev. Dr. Junius W. Willard, the eminent Baptist minister and former Baltimorean, which occurred Monday in Atlanta, Ga., is said to have been the result of one of the most peculiar and least understood diseases known to American medical science—acromegaly. His death was directly due to apoplexy, but the apoplexy is thought to have been caused by acromegaly.

This disease is the abnormal growth of the bones of the head, hands and feet. Dr. Millard had been suffering for some time. After he had reached maturity and the normal growth of his body had ceased the bones of his head, hands and feet continued to grow as they do in a child. The pressure, it is thought, of the abnormal bony growth on the brain caused the fatal attack of apoplexy.

Up to a few years ago, Dr. Millard was a normal man, but an operation was performed on his head. After the operation the bones of his hands perceptibly thickened and grew, as did his feet and head, though less noticeably.

Physicians whom he consulted knew little of the cause of the abnormal growth and almost nothing about how to cure it. Apparently, he continued to enjoy normal health, though the bones of the hands and feet continued to grow until the hands were extremely thick and the fingers misshapen.

In the majority of cases the mind is unaffected, though the disease sometimes causes tumors to form on the brain, resulting in blindness or deafness and sometimes death—as with Dr. Millard.

This abnormal growth of the bones was regarded as a natural phenomena until 1886, when Marie, of Paris, began the study of it. It is now considered that the giants of the present times and legendary days owed their great growth to acromegaly.

Since records have been kept of the diseases, cases have been recorded where the hands grew to more than eight inches in length and proportionately in thickness, and the feet more than 12 inches. The circumference of the head in a few instances has reached a grotesque size. It was found that the growth is caused by a disease of the nerves and is now thought to be caused by an affection of the pituitary body, or hypothesis of the brain.

Several cases have been under observation and treatment in the last 15 years at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Dr. Harvey Cushing and Dr. Llewellys F. Barker have both treated the disease. Dr. Cushing, when he was still connected with Johns Hopkins University, published the results of his observations and experiments and is considered one of the highest authorities on the disease in America. The positive cure has not yet been discovered, though in some instances the growth of the bones has been checked.

FINALLY GOT "JINED UP"

Visitor From Rural Pennsylvania Had Trying Session With 'Phone

(From the New York Times).

Some idiosyncrasies of a visitor from rural Pennsylvania who arrived at the Breslin Tuesday night and left again yesterday morning, headed for down town with a black leather bag, were a theme of interest at that hotel all the rest of the day. Ryan, the room clerk, said when the stranger registered he was particular about the size of the room and whether there was a fire escape by the window and whether there had been any burglars in the hotel recently. Then, after he had gone up stairs, he insisted that the head of the bed be turned toward the north.

Yesterday before going away the stranger said he wanted to use the telephone.

"I suppose you understand the use of the instrument," said the courteous assistant manager, Mr. Nobles, guiding the other to a booth.

"Of course," was the reply. He refused, according to Mr. Nobles, to tell the operator what number he wished, and the assistant manager signaled to the girl at the switchboard that it was all right, when the visitor, after stuffing the black bag into one cornor of a booth, followed it in and carefully closed the door.

No signal reached the operator from the booth, and Mr. Noble's attention was called to this. He said he could see the visitor tapping gently upon the shelf where the instrument rested, but he had not lifted the receiver, though his lips were moving as if he were talking into the transmitter. Several times he repeated this performance. The assistant manager moved near enough to the booth to hear what was going on inside. This is what he said he heard:

"Tap, tap, tap. 'Jin me up with John W. Blank.' Tap, tap, tap. 'Jin me up with John W. Blank, I say. What's the matter! Are you deef?'"

The assistant manager stole away. By and by the visitor came out of the booth, his face streaming with perspiration.

"I guess I don't understand that durned thing after all," he confieded, so the assistant manager helped him look up the number and showed him how to work "th durned thing."

VISIBLE COTTON SUPPLY.

World's Total 5,931,498 Bales, According to Secretary Hester.

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible is 5,931,498 bales against 5,738,934 last week and 5,095,436 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 4,939,498 against 4,811,934 last week and 4,426,436 last year. And of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 922,000 against 927,000 last week and 669,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 3,291,000 against 2,266,000 last year; in Egypt 293,000 against 206,000 last year; in India 359,000 against 231,000 last year, and in the United States 1,998,000 against 2,392,000 last year.

"I hope some boys who are away from their mother and father will take heed from my experience and remain at home, because some day they will come to realize the thing that I have since my arrest, and that is that your mother and father are the dearest friends on earth."

NEW CAROLINA LEAGUE.

Population of Six Cities Sufficient to Guarantee Attendance.

(Charlotte Chronicle.)

From the standpoint of railroad mileage, always an item of importance, from the standpoint of interest that will be developed, and from the standpoint of population, the new North Carolina Association, which has just been organized promises to far surpass the old Carolina Association that has just gone out of existence. A circuit composed of Charlotte, Winston, Greensboro, Raleigh, Durham and Asheville, brings together the cream of the cities of North Carolina. In the case of the first three, baseball has demonstrated itself to be a game that is not only attractive, but a business that may at length become profitable. The attendance in Charlotte has always been sufficient to enable the local club to make money and it would have made money but for other outside interferences which ate up all of the proceeds.

The attendance in Winston and Greensboro has never been bad. During the five years of the Carolina Association, the record attendance in these two cities was comparatively good. While not nearly so high as Charlotte, it was reasonably good. The matter of attendance at Raleigh, Durham and Asheville will be altogether problematical. Representatives of Raleigh stated that the average attendance in Raleigh the last year of baseball was 652 and that two years previous it was 852. In the event that the attendance there during its stay in the North Carolina League amounts to this, the league magnates will never regret Raleigh's admission. The Asheville representative announced that with a losing team for three years the average attendance in that city the past seasan was more than 400. This will compare favorably with the fourth highest attendance in the defunct league, but the promoters of baseball in the Mountain City believe that the average attendance will easily run to 600. There is no way to guage the probable attendance at Durham, but the franchise holders there insist that it will average around 500. If these surmises are at all within the bounds of reason, it looks as if the North Carolina League right on the jump would be a thorough success. If all of the towns can make an average of 600, the finances of the association are assured.

WHAT ONE WOMAN DID

Made Pullman Car Directors Remove Death-dealing Devices In Shops

"What can I do about it?" "I can't help it," and similar replies are what are usually handed out by stockholders or directors of big corporations when their attention is called to abuses and unnecessary loss of life or bodily injuries in the big plants.

What one stockholder—and a woman at that—can do is told in the experience of Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen, who owns a number of shares of Pullman car stock. Reports coming to her attention of injuries to men employed in the great Pullman shops, she started an investigation of her own and found the reports were true. She discovered 19 recent cases of lead poisoning; that in the glass-etching and mirrow-silvering shops men were exposed to fluorhydric acid and cyanide fumes; that the dust of sand-blast work, greatly increased by the advent of the steel car, was very bad for the men's throats and lungs; that with an average of 200 accidents a month but one physician was employed.

Mrs. Bowen arrayed her facts and went before the managers of the company. They were somewhat skeptical at first and one asked why, if she thought so badly of the company, she did not sell her stock and free her conscience? She answered that she preferred to keep it and do something to better conditions for the men who were working for her.

The managers promptly investigated and found Mrs. Bowen's statements correct. All the Pullman shopmen exposed to industrial diseases were given a thorough physical examination and the medical staff was increased to five. A long standing recommendation of the company's chemist that lead sulphate be substituted for lead acetate, or "white lead," as better paint for steel cars and safer for the painters, was adopted. Improved ventilators were put in the glass departments. Dust-proof helmets and respirators were provided for the workers in the sand-blasting and other dusty trades. Thus the Pullman company anticipated the Illinois occupation disease act and even went beyond it.

HORSE FOLLOWS GIRL.

Becomes Wedged in Knickerbocker Hotel Doorway.

(From the New York Press.)

A young woman gave a horse a lump of sugar yesterday afternoon in front of the Hotel Knickerbocker and the result was that traffic in West Forty-Second street was blocked for several minutes.

The horse, a blooded gelding owned by C. E. Snedecor, an art dealer of 107 West Forty-Sixth street, was driven to the Knickerbocker in a runabout by Snedecor. He left the animal in front of the West Forty-Second street entrance and went inside.

The young woman came along. She stopped, petted the horse and gave it a lump of sugar. Then she went into the hotel. The horse followed. He went partly through the first doorway and became wedged so that he could neither advance nor retreat.

Crowds gathered and a traffic patrolman came. He ordered the horse to go back to the street. The animal did not "move on", so the traffic cop grabbed his tail and pulled. Hotel employes helped him. The horse neighed. The crowd laughed. The men behind the tail perspired.

Persons in the crowd finally began giving advice. One man suggested putting salt on the horse's tail. Another said it would be a good scheme to get an automobile and haul the gelding out of the trap.

The young woman who had caused the excitement stood in the lobby of the Knickerbocker, her eyes filled with tears, and begged the patrolman not to pull out the horse's tail. Finally the horse was released.

Dan O'Reilley, noted New York lawyer, serving a five months' term on Blackwell's Island, may be made to serve as a pest house nurse.

Coshoston, Ohio, is calling in vain for 700 more factory workers.

WILL SKATE AT CAPITAL

New Washington Club Will Have a Big Ice Pond

(Washington Correspondence to New York Tribune.)

An ice-skating carnival is one of the midwinter possibilities in Washington, and the chief figures in it will be from the Cabinet, diplomatic corps and the official and residential smart set. The Secretary of the Navy and the Misses Julia and Alys Meyer, his daughters; Representative and Mrs. Richmond Pearson Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, Major Lowe, U. S. M. C., and Major Henry T. Allen were instrumental in organizing the club, which will be known as the Washington Ice-Skating Club.

An executive committee has been appointed, consisting of the Secretary of the Navy, Representative Hobson, Colonel Allen, Dr. E. D. Durand, Lawrence Townsend and Major Lowe. It was hoped for a time that the pond for the ice carnival and regular skating might be made in the Potomac Park, where the brilliant skating scenes of last Winter took place, but Colonel Cosby informed the organizers the privilege could not be granted. It has been decided to build the pond on the horseshoe grounds, just off the Potomac Speedway, a location convenient for the social world.

The pond will be 500 feet long and 300 feet wide, and will be brilliantly iluminated with electric lights. Booths where the skaters may enjoy hot coffee and other refreshments will be erected, and every facility for the enjoyment and comfort of the members will be supplied.

It is intended to enroll at least 200 members, the membership fee to be $5. The list of members will include, besides the Secretary of the Navy and the Misses Meyer, the Russian Ambassador and the younger members of his staff, the Norwegian Minister and Mme. Bryn, the Swedish Minister and Mme. Ekengren, the German Ambassador and the younger members of his staff; Henri Martin, Charge d'Affaires for Switzerland; Major Allen and the Misses Allen, Mme. Hauge, Viscount and Viscountess Benoist d'Azy, of the French Embassy; Miss Mary McCauley, Miss Katharine Britton, Miss Martha Bowers, Count d'Adamar, Count and Countess de la Rocca, Miss Morris Evans and a large number of the younger diplomats and officers from the army and navy.

EATING BEFORE SLEEPING.

No Reason Why Man Should be Exception to the Rule.

(Family Doctor.)

All animals except man eat before sleep, and there is no reason why man should form an exception to the rule. Fasting during the long interval between supper and breakfast and especially the complete emptiness of the stomach during sleep, add greatly to the amount of emaciation, sleeplessness and general weakness so often met with.

It is well known that in the body there is a perpetual disintegration of tissue—sleeping or waking. It is therefore natural to believe that the supply of nourishment should be somewhat continuous, especially in those in whom the vitality is lowered. As bodily exercise is suspended during sleep, with wear and tear correspondingly diminished, while digestion, assimilation and nutritive activity continue as usual, the food furnished during this period adds more than is destroyed, and improved weight and improved general vigor is the result.

If the weakly, the emaciated and the sleepless were to take nightly a light meal of simple, nutritious food before going to bed for a prolonged period, they would be raised to a better standard of health. It has been our experience that after digesting a bowl of bread and milk or a saucer of oatmeal before going to bed for a few months, a surprising increase in weight, strength and general tone has resulted. This course is not recommended to those persons who are stout and plethoric.

DEFENSE LOSES OUT.

Wanted to Show Archbald Charges Outgrowth of Disordered Brain.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Efforts to show that the charges on which Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the Commerce Court, is standing trial before the Senate sitting as a court of impeachment, are the outgrowths of a biased and "disordered brain" were made today by attorneys for the accused in the testimony of William P. Boland, of Scranton, Pa. Senator Bacon, presiding, ruled that these efforts were not in order during cross examination. Attorney A. S. Worthington, representing Judge Archbald, declared he would call Boland as his own witness.

How Judge Archbald asked officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company to confer with George M. Watson, a Scranton attorney, representing William P. Boland and C. G. Boland, of the Marian Coal Company, with a view to the settlement of the Boland claims against the road, was the subject of the examination of President W. H. Truesdale, General Counsel W. S. Jenney, Vice President E. E. Loomis, R. A. Phillips, John L. Seager and E. M. Rine, all of this railroad. The charges are that Judge Archbald agreed for a consideration to assist Watson to get the settlement.

Mr. Loomis testified that Judge Archbald asked him to confer with Watson, expressing the opinion that a setlement might be reached. The judge later called upon him to learn the progress of the negotiations, he said. Mr. Truesdale told of a conference he attended upon the matter.

"Wasn't the conference arranged by reason of Judge Archbald's request?" asked Representative Floyd, one of the House managers.

"I presume so, but Mr. Watson also asked for a conference," was the reply.

Mr. Phillips told of being invited to Judge Archbald's house to talk about the possibilities of a settlement. The railroad officials testified that Watson wanted $161,000 in setlement, while they were not willing to give that much. The negotiations failed.

The charge that Judge Archbald was guilty of misbehavior in office in writing to Helm Bruce ,an attorney in the New Orleans-Montgomery rate case, when it was before the Commerce Court, was the subject of the committee in examination of Mr. Bruce.

HURRY UP ARCHBALD TRIAL.

Senate Adopts Order to Close Testimony Against Judge by Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Senate today adopted an order for closing by Saturday testimony in the case against Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the Commerce Court, on trial for alleged misbehavior and misdemeanors in office. Monday, at 1:30 P. M., was set for the beginning of testimony for the defense. Attorneys for Judge Archbald expressed the hope that they would complete their testimony next week. All the witnesses of the day had previously testified before the House Judiciary Committee, with the exception of James R. Dainty, of Scranton.

Dainty testified that upon going to see Judge Archbald at the judge's request on one occasion about the interest of the Everhardt heirs in certain coal lands, he remarked to the judge that he would be obliged to him if he spoke to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company officials about a lease of the land. He declared he did not expect Judge Archbald to do anything about his request and that the judge had not told him of going to see General Manager S. D. Warringer, of the coal company, in regard to the matter.

Mr. Warringer testified earlier in the day that Judge Archbald came to him to inquire if his company desired to purchase the interest of the Everhardt heirs in certain land. He insisted that although the proposed Dainty lease was mentioned as the judge was leaving, the two matters had no connection.

Just before adjournment John Henry Jones was called to tell of the charge based on Attorney C. H. Von Storch discounting a $500 note payable to Judge Archbald.

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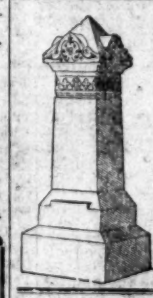

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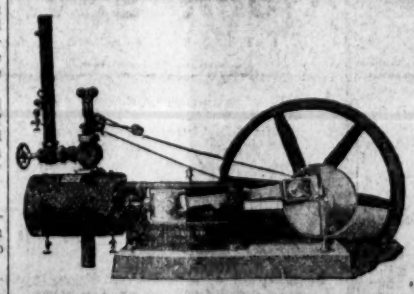

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Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work in the South—Its Object.

Secretary Wilson has been receiving reports of the various activities of the department and their results preparatory to completing his annual report, and is especially pleased with the splendid results of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration work in the South, under the direction of Bradford Knapp, of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

More than 100,000 adult farmers in this section have been directly enrolled in the demonstration work during the year, and many times that number have indirectly profited by the department's instructions. Much attention has been given during the past year to urging the use of crops adapted to soil and climatic conditions, especially in western Texas and Oklahoma, where moisture is largely the controlling factor in crop production.

The South is beginning to appreciate the importance of diversified agriculture, and shows less inclination than heretofore to stick to one crop. More corn, peas, velvet beans, cowpeas, alfalfa and other clovers, and grasses have been grown the past year than ever before. This naturally results in greater interest in hog raising, dairying and other branches of animal industry. Silos are being built, pastures established, and a vigorous campaign waged for the eradication of the cattle tick.

Especially noteworthy results have been secured in the Boys' Corn Club and Girls' Canning Club work. While final yields have not all been reported, it is believed by those in the work that all records for corn yields will be broken. Whether or not this is to be the case, it is already certain that a larger proportion of the boys than heretofore have made very high yields at low cost. There were about 70,000 boys enrolled in the various clubs during the past year, most of them growing corn, but several thousand being also enrolled in cotton and kaffir corn clubs.

It is difficult to estimate the amount of good accomplished by the Girls' Canning Club work, in which more than 20,000 girls were engaged the past year. They each cultivated one-tenth of an acre in tomatoes or other vegetable and canned the products. Cultural directions and canning instructions were furnished by the Department of Agriculture. Hundreds of simple and inexpensive canning outfits have been purchased by club members and their families, and the actual number of cans of tomatoes and other vegetables put up by them runs into the millions. This, in a section where heretofore too little attention has ben given to the home garden and to the saving of vegetable and fruits for Winter use by canning, will do much to revolutionize agriculture in this respect and tend to solve the problem of better living in the country. The actual money value of the results of the Girls' Canning Club work, although very large, is accounted but a small part of the good accomplished, the principal thing being its influence upon the country home and rural life.

In all these lines the demonstration work is co-operating with the Bureau of Animal Industry and with other offices in the Department of Agriculture and with agricultural colleges and other State forces. Due largely to the demonstration work, the co-operative idea has had great growth in the South. The importance of this work is fully realized by these people, to whom it has shown the great possibilities of Southern agriculture. In seven States the Legislatures have provided by law for county support of the work. The State agricultural colleges in nine out of the 12 States in which the work is being conducted, are co-operating directly with the department in the boys' and girls' club work. Some of the State Legislatures have made direct appropriations for co-operative demonstration work with the department.

It is believed that in the near future the system will grow into a thoroughly co-ordinated organization, taking to the farmer on his own farm the great fund of valuable information on agricultural subjects now in the hands of the State colleges and the department.

The demonstration work in the South has been pioneer work. It has not only demonstrated to the farmers the possibilities of their soil, but has established a new principle in educational activity and given an example in constructive effort for the whole country. It is not too much to say that its success is responsible for the inauguration of a new educational movement over the country and a redirected effort to help the farmer through personal contact.

GRABBING OFFICES

Women Voters Know a Good Thing As Well as Men

Now that the Kansas women have the complete right of suffrage throughout the State, the politicians are wondering just how long it will be until the men are entirely eliminated from the jobs of Kansas. If the women keep on at the rate they are going now in less than 10 years they will have all the men locked out of every local office in the State except road overseer and dog catcher without having suffrage; and with suffrage the men are not certain just what is going to happen.

Kansas elected more than 200 women to county offices this year—50 more than in any previous year. The offices to which the women were chosen are among the most responsible in the counties. There are women probate judges, district court clerks, registrars of deeds, county treasurers, county clerks and county superintendents.

The only offices the women have not invaded are county commissioners, county attorneys and district judge. They are eligibibe for these as far as sex is concerned even before they had suffrage. A woman could have been elected Governor of Kansas 20 years ago, or any time since, if she could get the most votes.

There are 105 counties in Kansas and at least 70 of them have women in one or more county offices. There are 13 yet to report and it is expected that the women will get jobs in four of these, as there were women candidates in five of the missing counties and only in one is known to have been encountered by a fair nominee.

A dollar's worth of Red Cross Seals may be the means of curing a consumptive.

SWOOPING THE SWOOP.

Passenger Cars Run on Swinging Cables From Peak to Peak.

Think of a scenic railway over two miles long, shooting the chutes from mountain peak to mountain peak at a height at times of nearly a mile. A few years ago anyone who talked of building such a line would have run the danger of being locked up in a madhouse. Today some Swiss engineers and Italian constructors not only have declared such a railroad to be feasible and raised $1,200,000 to build the line, but part of it is already working. That is, material is being hauled up thousands of feet over pylons and daring workmen use the line to mount and descend from their work.

This extraordinary railroad is to run from Chamonix, in France, up the Aiguille du Midi, a precipitous needle rising 1,608 feet. Its object is to show tourists the unmatched glories of Mont Blanc and its chain of peaks and glaciers. Instead of running on terra firma, however, like most of the Swiss mountain railroads, it is to go through the air on pylons and cables, swinging from peak to peak far above the eternal snows and glaciers.

Imagine being in the passenger car running on swinging cables between two peaks when the sharp crack of a starting avalanche is heard! Think of the thrill of seeing hundreds of tons of snow, ice and debris dash past under the car and plunge into the valley below with a tremendous roar! This alone, for persons looking for new sensations and excitement, should be worth the price of the ticket.

The starting station of the line is situated down in the valley of Chamonix. To reach the power station above, where the traction cables are set in motion by 75 horsepower electric motors, passengers ride in suspended cars with a seating capacity of 20 persons over a mile and a quarter of cables suspended on 27 pylons or towers. Another cable, suspended on 24 pylons in a distance of nearly a mile, takes one to the third station, just under the shadow of the needle-like mountain. From now on one swings through the air.

The cars used on this last section are smaller, accommodating only 16 persons. They are more like a basket. When the signal is given the car immediately runs out on a single span of unsupported cable, 2,130 feet long, swaying 500 feet above the Glacier Rond. The engineering feat in this case has been to anchor the two ends of the long cable, for on the lower end the engineers have been hampered with loose moraines and have had to descend considerably to get a firm grip.

The fourth station is little more than a relay, for the object point is the Col du Midi, 11,647 feet above the sea. To swing from the fourth station to the summit of the Col is impossible in one swoop, so half way, on a projecting pinnacle of granite, the engineers are placing a tension pylon to relieve the strain. To this tension pylon, however, is an unbroken swoop of a half mile—2,788 feet, to be exact—and from the tension pylon to the summit another shoot of 1,837 feet. The angle which the line takes varies from 15 to 48 degrees.

COST OF WAR NEWS.

A Large Increase of Expenditures Without Any Adequate Return.

In the world of newspapers the outbreak of war is little cause for congratulation, for it inevitably means a large increase of expenditure without any adequate return. It is no exaggeration to say that the present war will mean a more or less unprofitable expenditure of many thousands of dollars to every daily paper in London and the cashiers will be thankful when it is ended. How serious this outlay may be is shown by the statement that, while the Spanish-American war was in progress, two New York papers, which have profit revenues of from $400,000 to $760,000 a year, were actually spending money on it at the rate of $625,000 a year.

Take, for instance, the case of a big London daily which has half a dozen or more representatives at the front, with salaries ranging from $300 to $500 a month. Here alone is a formidable item which may well run to $30,000 a year, and which, in the case of more than one paper, will certainly reach $50,000 a year. These men have, in their turn, numerous satellites searching for news, each of whom calls for liberal remuneration; and there is, in addition, a small army of stationary correspondents, who are not at the seat of the war, but reside in the capitals of the belligerent countries.

Traveling and other expenses of correspondents in war time are necessarily very heavy, for no consideration of cost must hamper their movements, and a newspaper considers itself fortunate if this item alone does not exceed $500 a month in each man's bill. If a special war boat is necessary for the reporting of naval engagements the additional expenses can not well be under $5,000 a month.

The proprietors of a paper also insure the lives of their correspondents at a very high premium, and usually give them an undertaking to provide for the future of their families in case of death.

An equally formidable item in the war bill is the cost of wiring the news. On one day during the Russo-Japanese war, half a dozen London paperes received cablegrams for which they had to pay $7,500.

Then it frequently happens that for every cablegram which appears in a newspaper half a dozen equally costly are consigned to the waste paper basket. Similar messages may have been sent independently by several correspondents; the news may have already appeared in a rival paper or it may have been anticipated by an official report from the war office. During the war with Spain, one New York paper had $1,000 worth of cablegrams wasted in a single day.

PRIEST LEADS TO BATTLE.

Dies Chanting the Montenegrin War Hymn.

A war correspondent with the Montenegrins describes an act of heroism by a priest who led the soldiers in battle when their commander was killed. When the commander was taken to the rear, mortally wounded, the chaplain gave him his benediction.

"Then," says the correspondent, 'he snatched up a rifle and cried to the soldiers, 'Forward, sons of Chernagora, in defense of the cross and for the glory of King Nicholas.'

"The priest brandishing his cross like a banner, had reached the firing line, when a fresh and more furious volley came from the Turkish column.

THE COFFEE INDUSTRY

History, Origin and Cultivation of the Tree—Production

The Secretary of Agriculture will soon issue Bulletin No. 79, of the Division of Research and Reference, Bureau of Statistics, on the coffee industry. It contains a record of the history, origin, and cultivation of the tree; world's production, trade and consumption by countries; per capita consumption in specified countries; prices on New York market for a series of years; tariff rates in various countries; substitutes and adulterants.

The bulletin is of more than usual interest, in view of the extensive use of coffee in the United States.

In the world's production of coffee, Brazil holds the pre-eminent place. In 1800 the exports from Brazil amounted to 1,720 pounds; they have steadily increased until in 1909 they were more than 2 1-4 billion pounds. The area in Brazil suitable for coffee cultivation covers about 1,158,000 square miles, or an area larger than the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Texas and California; but the area under cultivation is small compared to that which could be cultivated, but little over two million acres being in coffee in 1905. About three-fourths of the world's output is grown in Brazil and the State of Sao Paulo alone produces one-half of the world's supply.

The history of the valorization scheme by Brazil is of great interest, not only to those interested in coffee, but to students of economics in general. The State of Sao Paulo borrowed more than seventy millions of dollars in 1908 and bought and stored nearly one billion pounds of coffee for the purpose of maintaining prices on the various markets, these having become very low, due to over production. Since the buying and storing of this coffee the government through a committee has sold between three and four hundred million pounds.

Venezuela and Columbia rank next in amount produced, each growing in the neighborhood of one hundred million pounds annually. Mexico, the Central American States, and the Dutch East Indies, also produce large quantities. The only coffee produced in the United States is grown in Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands.

The United States received coffee from 48 different countries in the past five years, the great bulk coming from South and Central America and Mexico; lesser amounts were imported from the Dutch East Indies and British West Indies, and from one and one-half to two and one-half million pounds from Arabia (Aden).

In the total amount of coffee consumed, the United States leads all other countries by a wide margin. The imports amounted to over one billion pounds annually in three of the last ten years. Germany, France, Austria-Hungary, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and Norway each import large quantities. Netherlands, Cuba, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Belgium each have a larger per capita consumption than the United States. The co-operative per capita consumption of coffee and tea in the United States and the United Kingdom, 1866-1910, shows an increase of 87 per cent in the consumption of coffee and a decrease of 11 per cent in that of tea in the United States, while the United Kingdom shows a decrease of 36 per cent for coffee and an increase of 87 per cent for tea. In other words, the United States consumption of coffee per capita is about 15 times that of the United Kingdom, while the consumption of tea in the United Kingdom is about six times greater than in the United States.

The price of Santos No. 7 coffee on the New York market rose from 5 to 7 5-8 per pound in 1902 to 12 1-8 to 16 1-2 cents in 1911, an increase of more than 100 per cent in the ten-year period.

The import and export duties levied on coffee in the principal countries and their possessions show a wide range. The tariffs on this produce range from free admission in some of the principal consuming countries to absolute prohibition from entry in some of the producing countries. The principal countries admitting coffee free of duty are the United States, Netherlands, German Southwest Africa and several of the British Colonial Possessions.

Chicory, cultivated in Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, France and the United States, is used perhaps more than any other one adulterant. In France the manufacture of chicory into a commercial product is quite an important industry. Certain coffee substitutes, including roasted chick peas, roasted acorns, etc., are used quite extensively in several European countries. Over 100 factories, said to be engaged in the manufacture of coffee substitutes in France, produce 53 million pounds annually; 568 such establishments, including 412 factories for the manufacture of coffee substitutes from figs, are reported in Austria-Hungary; in Germany nearly 15 thousand people are employed in the coffee substitute trade, and the annual production is approximaotely 220 million pounds. The imports of chicory and coffee substitutes into the United States are comparatively small in recent years.

OLD DOC TIME

Take all your ills to Doctor Time, and let it go at that; he has the dope that's good and prime for lean ones and for fat. He's cured so many aches and pains; he's heard so many sighs; he's soothed so many weary brains, and wiped so many eyes. Adown the dusty lane of years how many hopes lie low, how many moans, how many tears, how many griefs we know. But old Doc Time just plugs along, prescribing as he goes, and by and by we sing a song, forgetful of our woes; he heals the hurts of other days, he smooths away the cares, he irons out the wrinkled ways—there's virtue in his wares. Oh Doctor Time, your bitter pills full often make us frown; yet they are good for sundry ills, though big and hard to down; full oft we think your hand is rough, and that your voice is grim; yet well we know it is your stuff that keeps our hearts not a friend in all the town like good old Doctor Time.

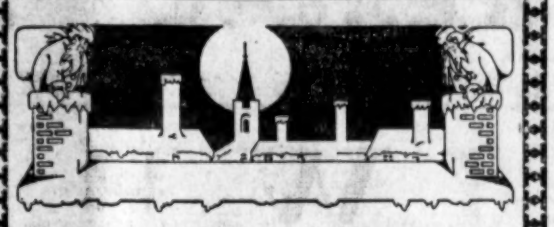
a-trim. And as the years go drifting down into the past sublime, there's

The French grape crop is light and the champagne output will be smaller.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

OUR CREDIT TERMS NOT STUFFY

The Best Credit Plan



Our Xmas Plan Will Help You

—Our Credit plan will make your money go farther.

—Instead of paying cash—pay a little at a time, after Christmas.

—Our strictly guaranteed garments for men, women and children will be sold to you on the easiest kind of terms.

—For Men: Suits, overcoats, fancy vests, hats and shoes.

—For Women: Suits, coats, furs, petticoats, millinery, waists, shoes.

—Boys' suits and overcoats.

—Children's coats.

FARLEY & CO.
116 Market Street

Give furniture for Christmas

Dear Amy:—

I went to see your Aunt Mary and Uncle Ed. as you asked me to do. I found out from them what would suit them the best for Christmas. "Uncle Ed." would rather have an easy chair than anything else, and Aunt Mary will be delighted with a kitchen cabinet.

Of course, I didn't tell them you had sent me to ask, but I used woman's wit and found out. Send them these things and you'll be sure to hit it just right. In haste, LOU.

P. S.—You'd better hurry. I went down town yesterday, and saw so many people buying furniture from

A. D. RICH COMPANY
'Phones 172 and 1971. 110-112 N. Front St.

STATEMENT CONDITION

Home Savings Bank

AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 26TH, 1912.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$194,089.83	Capital	$ 50,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,806.54	Profits	3,469.61
Real Estate	12,050.00	Deposits	170,908.78
Cash	16,062.05		
Total	$224,018.42	Total	$224,018.42

J. W. YATES . . . . . President J. W. LITTLE . . . Vice-President
J. F. ROACHE . . . . . Cashier

BEGAN BUSINESS DECEMBER 1st, 1911.

SHOT GUNS RIFLES

The proper way to increase your business is to cut your competitor down with a Kelly Axe, or saw him down with a Simond or Diston Cross Cut or Hand Saw, or shoot him down with a Winchester Rifle or Self-Loading Shot Gun with Winchester or U. M. C. Ammunition, or burn him up in a Loths' AirBlast Perfect or Magic Heater or cover him up with Faultless Roofing, the roofing that is made specially for you, or fence him in with Pittsburg Fence which is welded together with that weld that held.

J. W. Murchison & Co.
WHOLESALE
WILMINGTON, N. C. WILMINGTON, N. C.

CHRISTMAS at SOLKY'S

GET THE USEFUL COMBINED WITH THE ORNAMENTAL.

Here's Just a Few Suggestions Out of Our Immense Stock:

Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Pajamas and Night Shirts, Underwear of any description, Knox and Stetson Hats, Neckwear in fancy boxes, Combination Sets of Ties and Socks to match, Kid Gloves for men and boys, Combination Suspender Sets, Boys' Rain Coats, Silk Sacks in all colors, Suit Cases and Hand Bags, Boys' Suits, Men's Suits, Negligee Shirts for men and boys, Silk and Wool Mufflers.

And numerous other articles that are useful gifts. Any goods bought now we will reserve for you.

J. M. SOLKY & COMPANY
One-Price Clothiers and Furnishers.
'Phone 617. Masonic Building.

Do Your Xmas Shopping Early

Before the Best things are All Sold.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

Brass and Leather Goods, Cut Glass, Pictures and Frames, Juvenile Books, Gift Books, Fountain Pens, Christmas and New Year Cards, Kodaks, Book Cases, Desks.

C. W. Yates & Co.
MARKET STREET.

NEW GOODS.

We are receiving and opening new goods and getting ready for our Annual September Sample Sale.

Watch this paper for announcement of sale. It will be the Greatest of All Sales.

WILMINGTON FURNITURE CO.

Victor Victrolas, Graphaphones and Records

Everything for the Victor Talking Machine. We will be glad to demonstrate at our store, or at your home.

MAFFITT & WOOD

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our Portraits make Acceptable Gifts. See our Home Portrait effects. They are entirely new and decidedly Different.

FOLTZ & KENDRICK
'Phone 731. Southern Bldg.

1913 STATIONERY

All the latest ideas in Stationery. Odd shapes and sizes. In the daintiest and most delicate shades—Helen Pink, Baltique Blue, Dove Grey, Dresden White. A most Useful gift for Christmas.

ROBERT C. DeROSSET
'Phone 26. Bookseller and Stationer.

Christmas Bargains!

At J. W. H. FUCHS' DEPARTMENT STORE

Beginning Monday, Dec. 16th, and Continuing Until Tuesday, Dec. 24th

We Will Place on Sale Our Entire Stock at a Greatly Reduced Price!

BRING YOUR CHILDREN
And let them see our Toy Department, which is overflowing with Toys of every description, at Special Reduced Prices.

Never before in the mercantile history of Wilmington has the shopping public had a golden opportunity like this to buy new, seasonable merchandise at this season of the year at such a sacrificing price. Not a little half-hearted, stingy sprinkling of bargains here and there, but every department is overflowing with the season's latest goods, and we are selling every article at a great reduction. Bring this ad. with you and you will find every article precisely as advertised--nothing misrepresented, and your money will be cheerfully refunded if you are not fully satisfied with your purchase.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS
For every one, an exceptionally nice line of Holiday Gifts, done up in Special Holiday Boxes, suitable for Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, Sweetheart or Friends.

Terms of Sale Strictly Cash, and every article advertised will be sold precisely by this Ad.

BARGAINS IN CHRISTMAS COTTON GOODS.

12½c Storm Flannel 9c
8c Outing Flannel 6c
10c Canton Flannel 7c
Good Brown Domestic 4¾c
Yard wide Bleached Domestic 5½c
Ten-quarter Bleached Sheeting 27c
One lot of Calico 3½c
$1.00 Bleached Sheets 69c
15c Pillow Cases 12c
10c Huck Towels 8c
12½c Turkish Bath Towels 9c
Extra large size Turkish Bath Towels 21c

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS FOR THE COLD, WINTRY NIGHTS.

Large size Cotton Blankets, per pair 69c
$1.00 Cotton Blankets, per pair 89c
$3.50 Wool Knap Blankets, per pair $3.19
$6.50 All Wool Blankets, for $4.98
$1.00 Comforts 89c
$1.50 Comforts 98c
$2.50 Comforts $1.98

WOOLEN GOODS AND SILKS AT REDUCED PRICES.

$1.00 Messaline and Taffeta Silk, 36 inches wide 79c
65c Columbine Silkks 47c
$1.00 and $1.25 All Wool Serges, Henriettas, Mohairs and Whip Cords, per yard .. 89c
50c to 75c Serges, Mohairs, Whip Cords and Fancy Mixtures, per yard 44c

LADIES' READY TO WEAR DEPARTMENT.

$25.00 Coat Suits, made in the new Fall and Winter styles, in Serges, Whip Cords and Diagonals, for $19.48

Ladies' and Misses' Brown, Blue and Black Serge Coat Suits, made in all the leading styles, Norfolk or English Cutaway, $12.50 to $15.00 values, for $10.48

Ladies' One-Piece Blue Serge Dresses, regular $12.00 values, nicely trimmed, for .. $8.48

Misses' All Wool Middy Blouses, in Serges and Flannels, nicely trimmed, in Red and White, sizes 8 to 20; a regular $10.00 value, for $6.98

Special Christmas Bargains will be offered in Ladies and Misses' Skirts. All will be sold at a Great Reduction.

$7.50 Red Norfolk Blazers, nicely lined, $4.48
$18.00 Johnnie Coats $12.48
Shirt Waist and Outing Gowns at Bargain Prices.
$12.50 Caracul and Pony Skin Cloaks .. $8.48
Extra heavy Chinchilla Cloaks, values up to $15.00, for $10.48
$15.00 Cloaks, handsomely trimmed, with shawl and pointed collar, cuffs to match collars, only $12.48
Children's Cloaks, Ladies and Misses Rain Coats, at Bargain Prices.

GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

Men's $1.00 Negligee Shirts 89c
Men's 50c. Shirts 39c
Men's heavy Fleece Lined Underwear, 50c values, for 43c
Wright's Health Fleece Lined Underwear, 89c
Special Bargains will be offered in Handkerchiefs, Hose, Suspenders and Neckties.

MEN'S PANTS AND SUIT DEPARTMENT.

We carry a Complete Line of the famous "Sincerity" Brand of Clothing, in stouts, regulars or slims, and we guarantee you a perfect fit and you will realize a saving of 33 1-3 per cent. on the prices we are quoting. You will need a new suit for Christmas.

Men's Suits that we formerly sold for $25, made in all the new Fall and Winter styles, nicely finished from lining to button holes, and guaranteed to be strictly all wool, with shape-retaining fronts, Christmas bargain price, only $19.48

$20.00 to $22.50 Suits, guaranteed all wool, with shape-retaining fronts, in Serges, Cassimeres and Fancy Worsteds, only $16.48

$15.00 to $16.50 Suits, made in all the new Fall and Winter styles, for $12.89

Men's $1.25 Pants 89c

Men's Pants that sell regularly for $1.50 to $1.75, only $1.25

Men's nice Dress and Sunday Pants, $2.25 values, for $1.75

Men's All-Wool Pants, in all the leading styles and fabrics, for Dress and Sunday wear; regular $3.00 values, for $2.50

Men's $20.00 Overcoats, in Fancy Blacks, well made and lined, for $16.68

Men's Overcoats in Grays and Fancy Mixtures, with convertible collars, $16.00 to $18.00 values, for $12.48

Rain Coats and English Slipons, $2.98 to $12.48

SHOES! SHOES!

You will need a new pair of Shoes for Christmas. Note our prices:

Men's $3.00 Solid Leather Shoes, in all stlyes and leathers, only $2.69

Men's Satin Calf, solid leather Shoes, $1.50 to $1.75 values, for $1.39

"Cy Golf," "Crossett" and "King Quality" Shoes for men, that sell everywhere for $4.00 to $4.50, in all leathers and styles, for $3.68

Men's $2.50 to $2.75 Shoes, guaranteed strictly solid leather, for $2.23

Ladies' and Misses' Shoes and Oxfords, in Tan, Gun Metal and Patent Leather, $3.00 values, for $2.69

Ladies' and Misses' $1.50 to $1.75 Shoes, for $1.39

Ladies' and Misses' $2.25 Shoes, in all leathers and styles, for $1.79

$2.50 to $2.75 Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, in Tans and Patent Leathers, lace or button styles, for $2.19

A full line of Ladies' and Gents' Overshoes. Our complete line of Children's Solid Leather School Shoes will be sold at a Great Sacrifice.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BARGAINS WILL BE OFFERED IN BOYS' SUITS AND KNEE PANTS.

Boys' 50c to 65c Knickerbocker Knee Pants, 39c
Boys' Knee Pants, positively worth $1.00, for 85c
Boys' $2.00 Knickerbocker Knee Pants, for $1.69
Boys' $5.00 to $5.50 Knee Pants Suits, made in the athletic styles, with split hip trousers, for $4.18
$6.00 and $6.50 Boys' Suits, athletic styles, with split hip trousers, in Blue Serges and Fancy Mixtures, for $5.29
$7.50 Boys' Suits, made in all the new Fall and Winter styles, with knickerbocker split hip trousers, only $5.98
Boys' $12.00 Suits, made in all the new styles and fabrics, Christmas Bargain Prices, only $9.48
Boys' $15.00 Suits, in all the new, nobby styles and weaves $11.48
A full line of Boys' Overcoats and Rain Coats, at Special Reduced Prices.

HATS AND CAPS.
For Men and Boys—Men's and Boys' Hats from 89c to $4.48. Caps for Men and Boys, 19c to 93c

J. W. H. FUCHS' DEP'T STORE

28 to 30 SOUTH FRONT STREET. WILMINGTON, N. C.

LOOK FOR THE GREAT BARGAINS IN OUR SHOW WINDOWS.

MAIL ORDERS FILLED PROMPTLY.
Railroad Fare Paid to purchasers of $20.00 or more, for fifty miles.